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Town Officers

of

Francestown, NH

for the year ending December 31, 1998

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FRANCESTOWN TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Paul H. Lawrence Term Expires 2000

SELECTMEN

Scott S. Carbee Term Expires 1999
O. Alan Thulander Term Expires 2000
Paul A. St. Cyr Term Expires 2001

TOWN TREASURER

Randall S. Wheeler Term Expires 1999

TOWN CLERK

Elaine T. McClary Term Expires 1999

TAX COLLECTOR

Elaine T. McClary Term Expires 1999

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Diane Sweet Term Expires 1999
Mary Frances Carey Term Expires 1999
Constance C. Varnum Term Expires 2001

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Herbert A. Fincher Term Expires 1999
Frederick W. Whittemore Term Expires 2000
Louis Wiederhold Term Expires 2001

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Barbara J. Carbee Term Expires 1999

SUPERVISOR OF CHECK LIST

Bernice E. Miller, Chairman Term Expires 2000
Carol Ireland Term Expires 2002
Helen Johnston Term Expires 2004

CEMETERY COMMISSION

O. Alan Thulander Term Expires 1999
Gordon R. Sherman Term Expires 2000
Richard F. Leavitt Term Expires 2001

FIRE WARDS

Donald C. Abbott Term Expires 1999

Brian Delahanty	Term Expires 1999
David Kullgren	Term Expires 1999
Richard F. Leavitt	Term Expires 1999
Alvin L. VanCleave	Term Expires 1999

PLANNING BOARD

Kenneth Campbell	Term Expires 1999
Mary Frances Carey	Term Expires 1999
Scott S. Carbee, Ex-officio	Term Expires 1999
Abigail Arnold, Chairman	Term Expires 2000
Sandra L. Ellis	Term Expires 2000
Herbert Bromberg	Term Expires 2001
Benjamin Watson	Term Expires 2001

Alternates Appointed by Planning Board

Sarah Pyle	Term Expires 1999
Thomas Hanna	Term Expires 2000
Peter M. Zahn	Term Expires 2001

CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

Richard Amidon	Term Expires 1999
Denice Glover, School Board Member	Term Expires 1999

APPOINTMENTS BY Selectmen:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Richard S. Mikula	Term Expires 1999
Ann Soper	Term Expires 1999
Richard Kiczek	Term Expires 2000
Guy A. Swenson, Jr., Chairman	Term Expires 2000
Charles F. Onasch	Term Expires 2001

Alternates

Charles Pyle	Term Expires 1999
Joszeff Nemeth	Term Expires 2000
Carol Ireland	Term Expires 2001

WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION

Jeffrey R. Gorton	Term Expires 1999
Marianne McDaniel	Term Expires 2000
Gary L. Collins, Chairman	Term Expires 2001

BUDGET & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

David A. Jonas, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
Michael J. Ricci	Term Expires 2000

Nicholas F. Wilder	Term Expires 2000
Charles F. Onasch	Term Expires 2001
Harold A. Varnum	Term Expires 2001

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dodie S. Finlayson, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
Peter P. Kostecki	Term Expires 1999
Robert C. Lindgren	Term Expires 1999
Matthew Roy	Term Expires 1999
Christopher K. Danforth	Term Expires 2000
Betsy Hardwick	Term Expires 2001
Lawrence P. Kullgren	Term Expires 2001
Alternates	
Polly Freese	Term Expires 1999
Richard Roberts	Term Expires 2000
Taisto T. Holm	Term Expires 2001

BOARD OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

Richard C. Cilley	Term Expires 1999
Paul V. Ellis, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
Richard Kiczek	Term Expires 1999
Richard K. Wheeler	Term Expires 1999

RECREATION COMMISSION

Scott Jenkins	Term Expires 1999
Larry Laber	Term Expires 1999
Kris N. Stewart	Term Expires 2000
James C. Nealand	Term Expires 2000
Alternates	
Demetria McKaig	Term Expires 1999
Lisa J. Goodwin	Term Expires 2000

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Barbara A. Radtke	Term Expires 1999
Frank Hanchett	Term Expires 1999
Abigail Arnold	Term Expires 2000
O. Alan Thulander	Term Expires 2000
Mary Noordsy	Term Expires 2001
Veda O'Neill	Term Expires 2001
Alternates	

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Lori J. Ricci

DEPUTY TOWN TREASURER

Janet J. Munson

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Janet Kiczek

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Janet Kiczek

ROAD AGENT

Clayton F. Foote Jr.

BUILDING & SITE INSPECTOR

Joseph Ludwig

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Donald C. Abbott

HEALTH OFFICER

Louis Wiederhold, MD

POLICE OFFICERS

Peter M. Flood, Chief

Philip J. Woodbury, Lieutenant

Robert F. Camelio, Sergeant

Thomas J. Thibeault, Sergeant

Steven H. Lape, Sergeant

Kevin P. Tucker, Sergeant

Wayne E. Shields, Sergeant

Ernest L. Castle, Sergeant

DIRECTOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

O. Alan Thulander

HISTORIAN

Kris Holmes

BALLOT CLERKS

Barbara J. Carbee, Dolores Sanchioni, Joan VanCleave, Shirley Jones,
Karen Anne St. Cyr, Gordon Sherman, Mary Tempone

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Pierre Bruno
O. Alan Thulander

STATE SENATOR

Rick Trombly

TOWN WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Francestown, in said County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Francestown on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting on Articles 1 thru 14 will be by official ballot, and the polls shall be open for balloting on said date at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon and shall not close before 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Article 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
(By Official Ballot)

Pursuant to RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, you are hereby notified the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Francestown will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, the Thirteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at which time the town will act on the following subjects.

Article 2. (General Provisions for Special Exceptions)

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment Number 1 dealing with general provisions relative to special exceptions as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

This amendment would a)clarify that the Planning Board has jurisdiction over all multi-family and non-residential uses and b)add a provision to allow the ZBA to require applicants for special exception to pay for professional studies needed for proper review of the case.

The Planning Board voted, 7-0, in favor of recommending this proposal.

Article 3. (Kennels and other Animal Care Facilities)

Are you in favor of Amendment Number 2 dealing with a variety of animal care, training and breeding facilities - as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

The effects of this proposal include a)reducing the special exception acreage and setback requirements for kennels; b) establishing dimensional requirements for other types of animal care facilities, such as vets, and; c) clarifying the types of facilities covered.

The Planning Board voted, 7-0, in favor of recommending this proposal.

Article 4. (Restaurants)

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 3 dealing with restaurants as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

The effects of this proposal include allowing sales of "take-out" food by sit down restaurants and general/convenience stores and amending the special exception criteria, e.g.: parking requirements would be more flexible; side setbacks would be increased to 75 feet; newly constructed restaurants would have a 100 foot setback for buildings and parking instead of 150 feet for buildings only; and the lot size requirement for conversions of existing buildings would be eliminated.

The Planning Board voted, 7-0, in favor of recommending this proposal.

Article 5. (Rest/Convalescent Homes)

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 4 dealing with rest/convalescent homes as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

This proposal would supplement general special exception criteria with specific requirements for rest homes such as buffering provisions for parking areas.

The Planning Board voted, 7-0, in favor of recommending this proposal.

Article 6. (Commercial Recreation Facilities)

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 5 dealing with stables, riding academies and commercial recreation facilities as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

This proposal would a) add skating, gymnasiums and fitness centers to the list of commercial recreational facilities permitted by special exception and b) clarify that the hiring out of horses for unsupervised riding is allowed by stables/riding academies which are permitted uses in the rural district.

The Planning Board voted, 7-0, in favor of recommending this proposal.

Article 7. (Family and Youth Camps)

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 6 dealing with family and youth camps as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

This proposal would supplement general special exception criteria for camps by adding specific requirements. It would also allow camps to operate at times other than just summer.

The Planning Board voted, 7-0, in favor of recommending this proposal.

Article 8. (Automotive Service Stations)

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 8 dealing with automotive service stations as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

This proposal would a) supplement general special exception for service stations with specific requirements, e.g. a 4 lot acreage requirement, and b) modify the definition of such facilities.

The Planning Board voted, 7-0, in favor of recommending this proposal.

Article 9. (Sawmills)

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 9 dealing with sawmills as proposed by the Planning Board of the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

This proposal would supplement general special exception criteria for sawmills with specific requirements, including a 20 acre lot size and provisions for buffering outside storage areas.

The Planning Board voted, 7-0, in favor of recommending this proposal.

Article 10. (Solar and Wind Devices)

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 10 dealing with solar and wind devices as proposed by the Planning Board for the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

The effects of this proposal include a) changing private solar/wind devices over 35 feet in height from special exception to permitted uses, and b) supplementing general special exception criteria with specific requirements - e.g. 3 acre lots at elevations of less than 1,000 feet - for commercial devices, regardless of height.

The Planning Board voted, 7-0, in favor of recommending this proposal.

Article 11. (Commercial Receiving and Transmitting Antenna)

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 11 dealing with commercial receiving and transmitting antenna as proposed by the Planning Board for the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

The proposal would supplement general special exception criteria for commercial antennae with specific requirements. Changes include a) prohibiting new towers on Crotched Mountain at elevations of 1,300 feet or more; b) provisions for co-location, c) siting standards and procedures, d) relaxing dimensional standards for subdivisions under certain conditions and e) distinguishing between "personal wireless service" facilities and other types of wireless services.

The Planning Board voted, 5-2, in favor of recommending this proposal.

Article 12. (Home Business)

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 12 dealing with home businesses as proposed by the Planning Board for the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

The effects of this proposal include a) expanding the types of businesses allowed in the home as permitted uses - e.g. retail sales of products made in the home and computer related professions - b) limiting employees, other than household

members, to two and c) limiting outside storage and merchandising.

The Planning Board voted, 7-0, in favor of recommending this proposal.

Article 13. (Aircraft Landing Areas)

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 7 which would override the state statute that makes aircraft landings by the owner/renter of private land permitted uses - as proposed by the Planning Board for the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance?
(By Official Ballot)

This proposal would prohibit aircraft landings - other than those by hot air balloons, hang gliders, power parachutes and ultra lights - in the village district and make them special exception uses in the rural district. Rural criteria include runway threshold setbacks from 500 to 750 feet and a prohibition on night lighting. A no vote on this article means that private landing areas will be permitted everywhere in town.

The Planning Board voted, 6-1, in favor of recommending this proposal.

Article 14. (Historic District Commission)(By Petition)

Are you in favor of abolishing the historic district commission as proposed by petition of the voters of this town?
(By Official Ballot)

The effect of this proposal would be to preclude the administration of any historic district, should voters wish to establish one - unless voters subsequently re-authorize the commission.

The Planning Board voted, 3-3-1, against recommending this proposal.

Article 15.

To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations for the same.

Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to name a connecting lane between Oak Hill Road and State Highway 47, Lina Lane or take any other action relating thereto;
(Proposed by Michael de Tarnowski)

Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to purchase 3 flag poles to be placed at the War Memorial site and the new Town office building, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to close the Capital Reserve fund entitled Future Landfill Closing and transfer the remaining balance to the unappropriated general fund balance, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 19.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to reconstruct a portion of the Second New Hampshire Turnpike South beginning at the Lyndeborough town line proceeding northerly for a distance of up to four thousand feet (4000), or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen recommend this appropriation, the Budget Advisory Committee does not recommend this appropriation.

Article 20.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$221,500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as follows:

Future Replacement of Fire Trucks	\$40,000.00
Future Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios	500.00
Future Replacement or Purchase of Hwy. Equip.	20,000.00
Future Replacement of Police Cruiser	6,000.00
Future Reappraisal of Real Estate	5,000.00
Future Purchase or Improvement of Recreation Lands	5,000.00
Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition	20,000.00
Future Town Road Improvements	100,000.00
Future Town Highway Garage	15,000.00
Future Improvement of Cemetery	5,000.00
Future Library Building	5,000.00

or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 21.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer Four Hundred Five Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$405.70) of unexpended Conservation Commission prior appropriations carried forward and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars, Thirty Cents (\$19,594.30), the total not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), to be placed in the Conservation Fund authorized by RSA 36-A:5, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 22.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to remove the underground fuel tanks at the Library, Town Hall Annex, and the Fire Station, and to replace them with above ground tanks which meet environmental standards, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 23.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) to purchase up-graded software for "Windows" and Y2K compliance dealing with tax assessing and

tax collections, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 24.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to purchase new computer hardware systems and associated consultant time to install and operate the new software systems, or take any other action relating thereto;

A majority of the Selectmen and a majority of the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 25.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to hire a temporary (September-December) Town Administrator to assist the Board of Selectmen in the management of town government, or take any other action relating thereto;

A majority of the Selectmen and a majority of the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 26.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$5,200.00) to pave the sidewalk along Main Street as a temporary solution to its deteriorating condition, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 27.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) to purchase new mobile two-way VHF 40 watt radios for the Highway Department trucks and a base station, such sum to be raised for this purpose by the withdrawal of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund "Replacement of Road Equipment", or take any other action relating thereto;

A majority of the Selectmen and all of the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 28.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for an engineering study to be performed on Second NH Turnpike North, such sum to be raised for this purpose by the withdrawal of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund "Town Road Improvements", or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 29.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000.00) for the purpose of tarring the Second NH Turnpike North, from the Tory Pines parking lot to the intersection of Gillis Hill Road and Wilson Hill Road, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee do not recommend this appropriation.

Article 30.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$52,116.00) for site improvements and the remodeling of the interior of the Red School Municipal Office space, utilizing the general plan adopted at the 1998 town meeting; and further to apply the unexpended balance of Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$14,365.00) carried forward from article 13 adopted at the 1997 town meeting; or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 31.

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the portion of Cressy Hill Road beginning at a point three hundred (300) feet from the emergency turn-around area of map 3 lot 8, and map 3 lot 7, as it intersects the aforementioned road running to the Town line between Francestown and Lyndeborough, or take any other action relating thereto;

Article 32.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the placement of any proceeds that may accrue from forest management of any designated Town Forest, into the Conservation Commission Fund, RSA 31:113, which may be allowed to accrue from year to year, or take any other action relating thereto;
(Proposed by Conservation Commission)

A majority of the Selectmen and all of the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 33. (By Petition)

To see if the Town will agree to the following resolution, which, if passed, is to be forwarded to our elected representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress:

Whereas smoking is the No. 1 preventable cause of death in the US today.

Whereas a large and growing amount of evidence has confirmed that the tobacco companies have been targeting our children as their prime "replacement smokers";

Whereas the national Center for Disease Control states that nearly 24,000 of New Hampshire's youth , currently under the age of 18, will die prematurely of a tobacco-related illness;

Whereas to pursue their ends the tobacco lobby has influenced the vote of most members of Congress by means of millions of dollars in campaign contributions to representatives of both major parties;

Whereas in the past 10 years this tobacco lobby has ignored the will of the people and prevented passage of 99% of the congressional bills (172 out of 174), dealing with tobacco use

and public health;

Therefore, recognizing that profits have been elevated not only above people, but above our children, we the citizens of Francestown join with other towns in NH to:

(a) Call upon the General Court to allocate a Just part of NH's Tobacco settlement funds to fund essential Tobacco cessation and prevention programs for the youth of New Hampshire; and

(b) Call upon our elected members of the NH General Court and US Congress, as a pledge of their commitment to our youth, to state publicly that: i)they will refuse to accept any campaign funding, direct or indirect, from the tobacco industry/lobby; and ii)they will support effective legislation to curb the spreading of tobacco addiction.

Article 34. (By Petition)

To see if the Town will agree to the following resolution, which, if passed, is to become town policy:

Whereas smoking is the No. 1 preventable cause of death in the US today.

Whereas, in order to fill the ranks of those who die of tobacco-related illness or manage to quit, a large and growing amount of evidence has confirmed that the tobacco companies have been targeting our children as their prime "replacement smokers".

Whereas the national Center for Disease Control states that nearly 24,000 of New Hampshire's youth, currently under the age of 18, will die prematurely of a tobacco-related illness;

Whereas the tobacco industry's targeting of our youth has contributed to billions of dollars worth of healthcare and productivity costs that come out of taxpayers pockets.

Therefore, recognizing that profits have been elevated not only above people but above our children, we, the citizens of Francestown, instruct the Trustees of the Town's Trust Funds, through our Selectmen, to join with other towns in NH to:

(a) to examine the investment portfolio in which the town's various Trust Funds are presently held and to disinvest such Funds as may be invested in tobacco stocks and/or tobacco bonds, such divestment to be done as prudently as possible, but to be completed before the Town Meeting in the year 2000;

(b) to report to the year 2000 Town Meeting whatever action they may have been obliged to take in compliance with (a) above;

(c) to determine that a policy of non-investment in tobacco companies is followed henceforth, unless rescinded by a future Town Meeting.

above;

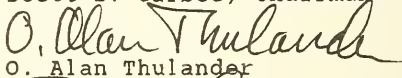
(c) to determine that a policy of non-investment in tobacco companies is followed henceforth, unless rescinded by a future Town Meeting.

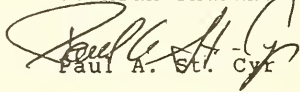
Article 35.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting;

Given under our hands and seal this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred ninety-nine.

Scott S. Carbee, Chairman

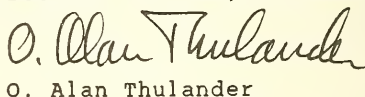

O. Alan Thulander

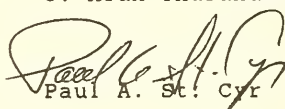

Paul A. St. Cyr

Selectmen of Francestown

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:


Scott S. Carbee, Chairman


O. Alan Thulander


Paul A. St. Cyr

Selectmen of Francestown

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN
OF FRANCESTOWN**

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing year January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999.

February 9, 1999

Scott S. Carbee, Chairman
O. Alan Thulander
Paul A. St. Cyr

Selectmen
of
Francetown

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	1998 Approp	1998 Expended	1999 Request
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	\$29,930	\$28,746	\$30,270
Election/Town Clerk	25,366	22,208	23,650
Financial Administration	18,825	19,212	20,825
Revaluation Updates/Tax Map	5,756	2,528	4,700
Legal Expenses	10,000	3,639	7,500
Medical Expenses	16,764	17,383	18,884
FICA/Medicare	21,978	20,103	22,260
Unemployment Insurance	800	433	800
Workman's Compensation	4,319	4,319	2,500
Retirement Highway	2,000	1,123	2,558
Planning & Zoning	13,197	8,322	19,273
General Bldg Maintenance	16,725	17,230	22,950
Cemeteries	9,575	6,501	9,175
Insurance	37,146	40,819	40,106
Regional Association Dues	691	610	692
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	50,800	49,371	50,675
Ambulance	11,310	0	2,500
Fire Department	26,100	25,770	25,800
Building Inspector	1,000	900	1,000
Emergency Management	500	301	500
HIGHWAY, STREET, BRIDGES			
Town Maintenance	186,521	165,451	185,084
General Expenses Highway	75,025	107,066	73,125
Resealing & Patching	57,900	57,846	58,400
Graveling	20,000	20,463	20,000
Bridges	10,000	8,191	10,000
Street Lighting	4,200	3,602	4,200
SANITATION			
Solid Waste Disposal	77,835	73,073	77,109
Landfill Well Test	3,493	1,162	2,567

HEALTH			
Health Departments	2,424	2,424	2,687
WELFARE			
General Assistance	5,000	2,065	5,000
CULTURE AND RECREATION			
Recreation	22,900	19,780	23,919
Library	45,314	45,634	47,098
CONSERVATION			
Conservation Commission	900	494	950
DEBT SERVICE			
Principal-Long Term Notes	20,000	20,000	0
Interest-Long Term Notes	1,410	1,410	0
Interest on TAN	2,500	0	2,500
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$838,204</u>	<u>\$798,179</u>	<u>\$819,257</u>

WARRANT ARTICLES 1998

Art 6 - Mountain Road	177,500	158,376
Art 7 - Repair P/Tanker	43,300	43,300
Art 8 - Capital Reserves	98,200	98,200
Art 9 - Lib. Septic Sys	15,000	0
Art 10 - Lib. Fire Escape	17,000	0
Art 11 - Conservation Fund	9,610	10,000
Art 12 - Used Brush Chipper	13,000	13,000
Art 13 - Diesel Dump Truck	6,000	5,800
Art 16 - Fence/Cemetery #3	10,000	0
Art 17 - Fuel System	4,500	6,141

WARRANT ARTICLES 1999

Art 17 - Flag Poles	2,500
Art 19 - Reconstruct 2 nd NH Turnpike South	75,000
Art 20 - Capital Reserves	221,500
Art 21 - Conservation Fund	19,594
Art 22 - Remove Underground Fuel Tanks	12,000
Art 23 - Up-grade Software	4,000
Art 24 - New Computer Hardware	7,500
Art 25 - Temporary Town Administrator	12,000
Art 26 - Pave Main St. Sidewalk	5,200
Art 27 - Mobile Radios	8,500
Art 28 - Engineering Study 2 nd NH Turnpike North	5,000
Art 29 - Tar 2 nd NH Turnpike North	21,000
Art 30 - Site/Remodel Red School	52,116

TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES	<u>\$394,110</u>	<u>\$334,817</u>	<u>\$445,910</u>
TOTAL BUDGET & WARRANT ART	\$1,232,314	\$1,132,996	\$1,265,167
LESS SOURCES OF REVENUE	<u>510,804</u>	<u>728,397</u>	<u>469,616</u>
NET TOTALS	\$721,510	\$404,599	\$795,551

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated 1998 Revenue	Actual 1998 Revenue	Estimated 1999 Revenue
TAXES			
Land Use Change Tax	5,000	9,672	5,000
Yield Taxes	15,000	27,256	15,000
Interest & Penalties Taxes	25,000	48,875	25,000
Inventory Penalties	1,000	2,583	1,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	135,000	177,400	140,000
Building Permits	500	1,015	500
Licenses, Permits & Fees	8,000	7,332	7,000
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenue	44,000	42,691	42,000
Highway Block Grant	66,304	66,304	66,000
Meals & Room Tax Distribution		18,540	18,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	8,000	12,412	8,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Mt. Crotchet Firefighters	20,000	20,000	0
FEMA	25,000	29,217	0
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER FROM			
Capital Reserve Fund	158,000	132,100	142,116
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Items From Surplus	0	133,000	0
TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	<u>\$510,804</u>	<u>\$728,397</u>	<u>\$469,616</u>

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1998 started off with a major ice storm in January, knocking out power lines and causing tremendous tree damage in areas of high elevation. Franchestown submitted and received grants from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for storm-related ice damage. Funds received for road damage have been used by the Highway Dept. This year the grant monies received in December will be used for replacement of trees on town-owned land (cemeteries, common, etc.) and by the Conservation Commission in the Crochted Mt. Town Forest. Approximately \$32,000 was received in FEMA grants for 1998.

The reconstruction of Mountain Road was completed in early September. This project was the first to be done on a bid process, and proved highly successful, even with extensive excavation, under drains, concrete catch basins and DOT-approved guard rails. The final cost was \$153,001, saving the Town \$24,499, as an expense of \$177,500. was projected.

The Bixby Dam was finished in November. Once the pond filled with water, it was clearly visible that Franchestown has secured a village water supply for fire fighting and a beautiful park-like area to enjoy. Taxpayers in 1996 and 1997 had appropriated \$131,610. for the dam. A FEMA grant of \$100,619 was received for the project. The cost for completion to date is \$164,841.

The interim Highway Study Committee (Chair Paul Ellis, Richard Kiczek, Harry Varnum, Betsy Hardwick, Ex-Officio Scott Carbee, Road Agent Clayton Foote) has been meeting for the last 3 years. Kiczek and Foote attended a 2 day seminar on road assessment systems designed by UNH-T² in Durham while Hardwick attended a UNH-T² seminar in Lebanon on truck inventory, parts and labor. After intensive study, the committee recommends the computerization of the Highway Dept. and the use of UNH-T² software for cost accounting and data collection necessary for building cost-effective road budgets. The committee also developed a personnel evaluation manual for town employees, recommending that the Selectmen adopt such for 2000. This would create a two-tiered system of merit pay and COLA (cost of living allowance).

Work will begin at the 'Red School' in late spring for a new septic system and parking areas for the handicapped and public-at-large. The lower level will be developed first to bring all land use planning boards into ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance. Two unassigned 120 sq. ft. offices, to be shared by various other town officials, will also be built on the lower level.

The new oak Town Hall stage floor has been finished with five coats of polyurethane. A generous donation from the Franchestown Improvement & Historical Society covered these costs.

Last March the article to purchase an electric system to wind the town clock was defeated and the Selectmen were instructed to find volunteers to continue with the manual wind. Three men have shared the responsibility of being the 'clock-winders'. Thanks go to volunteers Michael Jarzombek, Gary Slamin and Alexander Tamok for their weekly efforts.

The participation of volunteers, in all manners of town business, is greatly appreciated and is encouraged for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. St. Cyr
O. Alan Thulander
Scott S. Carbee, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

TAX YEAR 1998
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34.

Scott S. Carbee, Chairman
O. Alan Thulander
Paul A. St. Cyr

Selectmen of Francestown
Date: August 11, 1998

VALUE OF LAND ONLY

Current Use (13,293.27 acres)	\$ 1,501,918
Residential (4,009.49 acres)	25,828,500
Commercial/Industrial (568.00 acres)	1,476,000
Total of Taxable Land (17,870.76 acres)	\$28,806,418
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (1,157,800)	

VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY

Residential	\$59,112,700
Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	57,500
Commercial/Industrial	2,222,200

Total of Taxable Buildings	\$61,392,400
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (3,683,000)	

PUBLIC WATER UTILITY	\$20,000
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PUBLIC UTILITIES - ELECTRIC	\$1,277,900
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VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$91,496,718
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BLIND EXEMPTION (RSA 72:37)	
One @ \$15,000	\$15,000

ELDERLY EXEMPTION (RSA 72:39a)
Optional Adjustment Elderly Exemption
Year Adopted 1991

Number of Individuals Granted	2@	40,000	=	\$ 80,000
an Elderly Exemption 1998	2@	80,000	=	\$160,000
	1@	41,700	=	<u>\$ 41,700</u>

Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$281,700
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NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	\$91,200,018
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CURRENT USE REPORT

	Applicants Granted in Prior Years Number of Acres	New Applicants Granted in 1998 Number of Acres	Total Number Acres
FARM LAND	799.91	3.45	803.36
FOREST LAND	11,415.06	19.65	11,434.71
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	14.10	10	24.10
WET LAND	1,057.47	0	1,057.47
Number of Acres Exempted under Current Use			<u>13,319.64</u>
 Total Number of Acres Taken Out of Current Use-1998			 1.92
 Total Number of Acres Exempted under Conservation Restriction Assessment			 0
 Total Number of Acres Receiving the 20% Recreational Adjustment			 3,171.29
 Total Number of Owners granted Current Use Assessment			 274
 Total Number of Owners Granted Conservation Restriction Assessment			 0

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION
TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1998
OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

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March 13, 1998

Scott S. Carbee, Chairman
O. Alan Thulander
Paul A. St. Cyr

Selectmen of Francestown

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$29,930
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	25,366
Financial Administration	18,825
Revaluation of Property	5,756
Legal Expenses	10,000
Personnel Administration	45,861
Planning & Zoning & Planning Review	13,197
General Government Buildings	16,725
Cemeteries	9,575
Insurance	37,146
Regional Associations	691

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	50,800
Ambulance	11,310
Fire Department	26,100
Building Inspector	1,000
Emergency Management	500

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highways & Streets	341,446
Bridges	10,000
Street Lighting	4,200

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal	77,835
Landfill Well Test	3,493

HEALTH

Health Department	2,424
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WELFARE

General Assistance	5,000
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CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Recreation	22,900
Library	45,314
CONSERVATION	
Conservation Commission	\$900
DEBT SERVICE	
Principal Long-Term Notes	20,000
Interest Expense Long-Term Notes	1,410
Interest Expense T/A Notes	2,500
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Land and Improvement	9,610
Mach. Veh. & Equip	19,000
Buildings	32,000
Improvements other than buildings	235,300
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	
Warrant Articles 8 Capital Reserve	<u>98,200</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,232,314

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SOURCE OF REVENUE

TAXES	
Yield Taxes	15,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	25,000
Inventory Penalties	1,000
Land Use Change Tax	5,000
LICENSES AND PERMITS	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	135,000
Building Permits	500
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	8,000
FROM STATE	
Shared Revenue	44,000
Highway Block Grant	66,304
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	
Income From Departments	8,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	
Mt. Crotchet Fire Fighters	20,000
FEMA	25,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	158,000

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
Fund Balance voted from Surplus	0
Fund Balance Used to Reduce Taxes	<u>0</u>
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$510,804

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN	TAX RATE
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---Town Portion---

Appropriation	1,232,314	
Less: Revenues	<646,973>	
Less: Shared Revenues	<8,544>	
Add: Overlay	80,133	
War Service Credits	<u>4,250</u>	
Net Town Appropriation	\$661,180	
Municipal Tax Rate		\$7.25

---School Portion---

Due to Regional School District	1,902,522	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u><21,359></u>	
Net School Appropriation	\$1,881,163	
School Tax Rate		\$20.63

---County Portion---

Due to County	181,525	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u><2,460></u>	
Net County Tax Appropriation	\$179,065	
County Tax Rate		<u>\$1.96</u>

COMBINED TAX RATE	\$29.84
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---COMMITMENT ANALYSIS---

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,721,480
Less: War Service Credits	<u><4,250></u>
Total Property Tax Commitment	2,717,158

---PROOF OF RATE---

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
91,200,018	29.84	2,721,408

---1999 BOND REQUIREMENT---

Treasurer:	73,000
Tax Collector:	69,000
Town Clerk:	17,000
Trustees of Trust Funds:	69,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

Title of Appropriation	Approp	Receipts	Totals	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrafts	Carryover
Executive	29,930		29,930	28,746	1,184	0	
Election/ Town Clerk	25,366		25,366	22,208	3,158	0	
Financial Administration	18,825		18,825	19,212	0	387	
Revaluation Updates	5,756		5,756	2,528	3,228	0	
Legal Expenses	10,000		10,000	3,639	6,361	0	
Medical Insurance	16,764		16,764	17,383	0	619	
FICA/Medicare	21,978		21,978	20,103	1,875	0	
Workman's Compensation	4,319		4,319	4,319	0	0	
Retirement Highway	2,000		2,000	1,123	877	0	
Unemployment Insurance	800		800	433	367	0	
Planning & Zoning	13,197		13,197	8,322	4,875	0	
General Government Bldg	16,725		16,725	17,230	0	505	
Cemeteries	9,575		9,575	6,501	3,074	0	
Insurance	37,146		37,146	40,819	0	3,673	
Regional Association Dues	691		691	610	81	0	
Police Department	60,800		60,800	49,371	1,429	0	
Ambulance	11,310		11,310	0	11,310	0	
Fire Department	26,100		26,100	25,770	330	0	
Building Inspector	1,000		1,000	900	100	0	
Emergency Management	500		500	301	199	0	
Town Maintenance	186,521		186,521	165,451	21,070	0	
General Expenses Highway	75,025		75,025	107,066	0	32,041	
Resealing & Patching	57,900		57,900	57,846	54	0	
Gravelling	20,000		20,000	20,463	0	463	
Bridges	10,000		10,000	8,191	1,809	0	
Street Lighting	4,200		4,200	3,602	598	0	
Solid Waste Disposal	77,835		77,835	73,073	4,762	0	
Landfill Well Test	3,493		3,493	1,162	2,331	0	
Health Department	2,424		2,424	2,424	0	0	
General Assistance	5,000		5,000	2,065	2,935	0	
Recreation	22,900		22,900	19,780	3,120	0	
Library	45,314		45,314	45,634	0	320	
Conservation Commission	900		900	494	406	0	
Principal Long-Term Notes	20,000		20,000	20,000	0	0	
Interest Long-Term Notes	1,410		1,410	1,410	0	0	
Interest Expense T/A Notes	2,500		2,500	0	2,500	0	
Art 6 - Mountain Road	177,500		177,500	158,375	19,125	0	
Art 7 - Repair Pumper Tanker	43,300		43,300	43,300	0	0	
Art 8 - Capital Reserves	98,200		98,200	98,200	0	0	
Art 9 - Library Septic System	15,000		15,000	0	15,000	0	
Art 10 - Library Fire Escape	17,000		17,000	0	17,000	0	
Art 11 - Conservation Fund	9,610		9,610	10,000	0	390	
Art 12 - Used Brush Chipper	13,000		13,000	13,000	0	0	
Art 13 - Diesel Dump Truck	6,000		6,000	5,800	200	0	
Art 16 - Fence/Cemetery #3	10,000		10,000	0	10,000	0	
Art 17 - Fuel System	4,500		4,500	6,141	0	1,641	
Totals	\$1,232,314	\$0	\$1,232,314	\$1,132,995	\$139,358	\$40,039	\$0
				MINUS OVERDRAFT			
				\$28,554			
				NET UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF APPROPRIATIONS			
				\$110,804			

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1998

Assets

Cash	\$773,578
Investments	17,414
Taxes receivable, net	248,048
Tax liens receivable, net	94,737
Prepaid expenditures	5,472
Total assets	<u>\$1,139,249</u>

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$3,064
Due to Conval School District	738,703
Deposits	10,616
Total liabilities	<u>752,383</u>
Fund Balance:	
Reserved for conservation	1,226
Unreserved:	
Designated for Red Schoolhouse	14,365
Designated for Library Fire Escape	8,500
Undesignated	362,775
Total fund balance	<u>386,866</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$1,139,249</u>

TOWN OF FRANCELSTOWN
Statement of Long Term Indebtedness
Showing Annual Maturities of Principal and Interest

NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK
1988 SERIES A BONDS - NON-GUARANTEED ISSUE

Road Grader & Fire Truck Pumper

Amount of Issue	\$245,500.00
Date of Issue	July 8, 1988
Principal Payable Dates	July 15
Interest Payable Dates	January 15 and July 15

MATURITIES - FISCAL YEAR ENDING

	Principal	Interest	Total
January 15, 1989		8,938.21	
July 15, 1989	25,500.00	8,603.63	43,041.84
January 15, 1990		7,717.50	
July 15, 1990	25,000.00	7,717.50	40,435.00
January 15, 1991		6,848.75	
July 15, 1991	25,000.00	6,848.75	38,697.50
January 15, 1992		5,980.00	
July 15, 1992	25,000.00	5,980.00	36,960.00
January 15, 1993		5,111.25	
July 15, 1993	25,000.00	5,111.25	35,222.50
January 15, 1994		4,230.00	
July 15, 1994	25,000.00	4,230.00	33,460.00
January 15, 1995		3,348.75	
July 15, 1995	25,000.00	3,348.75	31,697.50
January 15, 1996		2,467.50	
July 15, 1996	25,000.00	2,467.50	29,935.00
January 15, 1997		1,586.25	
July 15, 1997	25,000.00	1,586.25	28,172.50
January 15, 1998		705.00	
July 15, 1998	20,000.00	705.00	21,410.00
TOTALS	245,500.00	93,531.84	339,031.84

NIC = 7.0310%

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
(AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998)

LOCATION	ACRES	VALUE
MAP 5 LOT 68 - Land	11.80	\$54,900
Transfer Station Buildings		2,300
MAP 12 LOT 5 - Land	6.43	35,100
Fire Station		151,200
Fire Department - Equipment		525,000
Highway Garage		14,300
Highway Department - Equipment		275,000
MAP 13 LOT 6 - Land	1.20	49,100
Red School Building		168,900
MAP 13 LOT 20 - Land	1.00	32,400
Library		168,400
Furniture & Equipment		106,500
MAP 13 LOT 29 - Land	.40	24,500
Town Hall Annex		97,100
Furniture & Equipment		35,000
Police Department Equipment		46,000
MAP 13 LOT 41 - Land	1.00	32,400
Town Hall, Carriage Sheds		264,700
Furniture & Equipment		6,500
MAP 1 LOT 2-4 - Greenfield Road	5.00	26,300
MAP 1 LOT 13 - Town Forest	61.00	63,200
MAP 2 LOT 20 - Town Forest	52.00	33,200
MAP 3 LOT 28 - Cemetery Number 3	16.20	26,000
MAP 4 LOT 5 - Town Forest	445.24	199,000
MAP 4 LOT 6 - Town Forest	134.00	97,100
MAP 5 LOT 52 - Main Street	1.00	7,400
MAP 5 LOT 67 - Town Forest	6.00	4,500
MAP 6 LOT 25-1 - Town Forest	27.91	78,900
MAP 7 LOT 2 - Town Forest	1.00	24,300
MAP 8 LOT 71 - Old County Road North	2.00	2,900
MAP 8 LOT 76 - Old County Road North	22.00	43,700
MAP 8 LOT 78-1 - Old County Road North	1.00	27,000
MAP 12 LOT 8 - W/S 2nd NH Turnpike S.	.25	18,000
MAP 12 LOT 16 - Cemetery Number 2	1.25	27,400
MAP 13 LOT 26 - Cemetery Number 1	1.00	32,400
MAP 14 LOT 19 - Bixby Mill Pond Dam	2.60	35,300
TOTAL	ACRES AND VALUES	
	801.28	\$2,835,900

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

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January 14, 1999

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Francestown, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated January 14, 1999.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement

The management of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1998, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors and irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters

involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Board of Selectmen. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Hickson, Chulay & Co., PC

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENSES
FISCAL YEAR 1998

EXECUTIVE

Appropriation \$29,930.00

Payroll*	\$23,136.29
Postage	228.34
Computer-Supplies/Repairs	914.73
Copier-Supplies/Repairs	709.83
Office Supplies	704.03
Professional Development	0.00
Publications	510.87
Advertising	58.03
Town Reports	1,400.00
Telephone	984.92
Travel Reimbursement	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>98.89</u>
Total	\$28,745.93

ELECTION/REGISTRATION/TWN CLK

Appropriation \$25,366.00

Payroll*	\$19,489.11
Postage	107.50
Computer/Supplies	0.00
Copier-Supplies/Repairs	544.37
Printing	18.54
Office Supplies	311.09
Professional Development	405.50
Publications	232.98
Travel Reimbursement	100.75
Advertising	149.00
Telephone	712.10
Election Equipment	108.46
Miscellaneous	<u>28.73</u>
Total	\$22,208.13

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation \$18,825.00

Payroll*	\$9,108.00
Postage	1,451.70
Computer/Supplies/Repairs	825.62
Copier/Supplies/Repairs	533.99
Printing	0.00
Office Supplies	240.46
Professional Development	516.92
Office Equipment	0.00
Travel Reimbursement	65.00
Recording Fees	1,497.76
Bank Fee Charges	0.00
Professional Audit	<u>4,973.00</u>
Total	\$19,212.45

REVALUATION UPDATES

Appropriation \$5,756.00

Payroll*	\$0.00
Postage	381.35
Computer Supplies	0.00
Printing	429.00
Appraisal Updates	1,718.09
Tax Map Updates	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$2,528.44

LEGAL EXPENSES

Appropriation \$10,000.00

Legal/Defense/Claims	<u>\$3,639.25</u>
Total	\$3,639.25

PERSONAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation \$45,861.00

Medical Insurance	\$17,383.20
FICA	20,102.90
Unemployment Insurance	433.05
Workmen's Compensation	4,318.71
Retirement - Highway	<u>1,123.41</u>
Total	\$43,361.27

PLANNING & ZONING

Appropriation \$10,697.00

Payroll*	\$804.00
Postage	383.76
Computer/Supplies/Repairs	0.00
Copier/Supplies/Repairs	238.33
Printing	452.75
Office Supplies	45.89
Professional Development	230.50
Publications	232.00
Travel Reimbursement	0.00
Advertising	922.03
Recording Fees	140.32
Professional Plan	0.00
Completeness Review	0.00
Reimburse Telephone	140.61
Regional Dues	1,355.00
Miscellaneous	3,376.62
Master Plan	<u>26.45</u>
Total	\$8,348.26

PLANNING REVIEW & EXPENSES

Appropriation \$5,000.00

Total \$0.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BLDG MAINTENANCE

Appropriation \$16,725.00

Payroll*	\$675.00
Electricity	3,492.68
Telephone	797.33
Heating Fuel	2,184.69
Water	248.00
Buildings Repairs/Service	6,428.53
Bottled Water	228.75
Buildings Alarm Service	1,466.50
Buildings Furnishings	0.00
Town Clock	140.00
Grounds Keeping	1,500.00
Supplies	<u>68.95</u>
Total	\$17,230.43

CEMETERIES

Appropriation \$9,575.00

Payroll*	\$0.00
Supplies	111.00
Electricity	114.72
Equipment Rental	0.00
Equipment Repairs/Supplies	0.00
Grounds Keeping	6,013.02
Cemetery Repairs #2	217.29
Miscellaneous	<u>45.00</u>
Total	\$6,501.03

INSURANCE

Appropriation \$37,146.00

Property & Liability	Total	\$40,819.00
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REGIONAL ASSOCIATION DUES

Appropriation \$691.00

NHMA	\$590.36
Town Officers' Associations	20.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$610.36

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation \$50,800.00

Payroll*	\$33,071.97
Postage	34.75

Copier/Supplies/Repairs	544.38
Office Supplies	379.33
Professional Development	95.00
Publications	548.47
Office Equipment	472.55
Advertising	0.00
School Program	467.17
Telephone	1,379.36
Weapon	1,013.35
Ammunition	891.65
Animal Care	0.00
Professional Prosecutor	0.00
Dispatch Service	2,355.75
Medical Supplies	0.00
Uniforms	1,460.31
Radio Repairs	20.00
Gasoline	1,288.95
Repairs Cruiser	2,726.83
Radio Equipment	1,011.46
Miscellaneous	367.25
Special Duty Pay	<u>1,242.00</u>
Total	\$49,370.53

AMBULANCE

Appropriation \$11,310.00

Contacted Services	\$0.00
Ambulance Purch/Lease	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$0.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation \$26,100.00

Administrative Expenses	\$750.00
Electricity	1,502.99
Telephone	834.40
Heating Fuels	1,147.53
Building Repairs/Service	1,277.00
Propane	122.15
Professional Development	729.62
Dispatch Service	3,205.95
Fire Equipment	5,662.40
Association Dues	355.90
Medical Supplies & Equipment	1,093.97
Protective Clothing	3,052.04
Forest Fires	0.00
Radio Repairs	856.72
Fuel/Gasoline/Diesel	151.00
Repairs Fire Apparatus	4,727.06
Dry Hydrant Repair/Installation	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>301.52</u>
Total	\$25,770.25

BUILDING INSPECTOR
 Appropriation \$1,000.00

Payroll*	\$900.00
Office Supplies	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$900.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
 Appropriation \$500.00

Radio Repairs	\$300.74
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$300.74

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS
 Appropriation \$188,521.00

Payroll	\$107,443.29
Professional Development	425.00
Road Salt/Salt Additive	11,770.37
Sand-Winter	11,368.00
Culvert/Grates/Maintenance	7,487.54
Mowing	1,610.00
Blasting	2,256.00
Equipment Rental	17,239.40
Calcium Chloride-Summer	3,918.40
Road Fabric	0.00
Seeds/Hay	187.50
Tree Cutting	1,745.68
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$165,451.18

GENERAL EXPENSE HWGY
 Appropriation \$75,025.00

Office Supplies	243.16
Advertising	202.26
Electricity	2,789.83
Telephone	1,122.80
Heating Fuel	1,361.34
Water	174.75
Maintenance & Repairs Bldg	1,752.94
Dues	20.00
Supplies	2,050.96
Medical/Physical	327.00
Drug/Alcohol Testing	240.00
Protective Clothing	1,164.20
Gasoline/Additives	7,450.50
Diesel/Additives	8,276.15
Repairs Heavy Truck	3,087.20
Truck Parts	14,244.86
Repairs Heavy Equipment	4,703.56
Parts-Heavy Equipment	9,350.03
Tires	3,024.00
Oil/Lubricants/Anti-Freeze	708.95
Welding	1,860.27
Tools	2,697.50

Equipment Purchases	871.98	
Street Signs	190.47	
Traffic Signs	1,032.47	
MV/Reg/Insp	405.00	
Miscellaneous	213.78	
Cutting Edges	3,565.23	
Chains	1,494.48	
Small Equipment/Repairs	1,193.35	
Engineering	3,500.00	
FEMA	<u>27,747.26</u>	
	Total	\$107,066.28

RESEAL/PATCH
Appropriation \$57,900.00

Sand	\$0.00	
Shimming	<u>57,846.00</u>	
	Total	\$57,846.00

GRAVEL
Appropriation \$20,000.00

Bennington Site	\$0.00	
Gravel/Processing	<u>20,462.69</u>	
	Total	\$20,462.69

BRIDGES
Appropriation \$10,000.00

Maintenance/Repairs	<u>\$8,191.00</u>	
	Total	\$8,191.00

STREET LIGHTING
Appropriation \$4,200.00

Utility Charge	<u>\$3,601.83</u>	
	Total	\$3,601.83

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL
Appropriation \$77,835.00

Payroll*	\$25,889.21
Printing	0.00
Professional Development	100.00
Publications	0.00
Travel Reimbursement	18.46
Electricity	521.69
Telephone	518.19
Building Repairs	2,497.63
Propane	325.33
Supplies	1,447.50
Compactor Rental	2,225.00
Toilet Rental	840.00
Equipment Rental	0.00
Hauling/Disposal (Compactor)	26,214.36

Disposal Tires	0.00
Container Rental/Bulky (C&D)	540.00
Haul/Disposal - Bulky	5,127.43
Haul/Glass	1,275.00
Hauling/Newsprint	550.00
Hauling/Plastic	627.80
Hauling/Aluminum	1,125.00
Hshld. Hazardous Waste Collection	3,007.00
Miscellaneous	<u>223.69</u>
Total	\$73,073.29

LANDFILL WELL TEST

Appropriation \$3,493.00

Payment to Town of Bennington	<u>\$1,161.63</u>
Total	\$1,161.63

HEALTH SERVICES

Appropriation \$2,424.00

Family Services	\$1,212.00
Home Health Care	<u>1,212.00</u>
Total	\$2,424.00

WELFARE GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriation \$5,000.00

Payroll*	\$1,166.66
Publications	12.00
Welfare Eligibility Payments	<u>886.34</u>
Total	\$2,065.00

RECREATION

Appropriation \$22,900.00

Payroll*	\$15,274.62
Postage	30.85
Electricity	299.03
Telephone	190.22
Supplies/Beach	65.82
Toilet Rental	575.16
Maintenance Rec Equipment	197.40
Field Maintenance	1,525.00
Little League/Baseball	1,131.94
Equipment	188.26
Swimming Program	130.00
Halloween	74.99
Piano Repairs	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>96.82</u>
Total	\$19,780.11

LIBRARY

Appropriation \$45,314.00

Payroll*	\$27,147.03
Postage	313.00

Office Supplies	587.32
Professional Development	74.00
Publications	1,136.17
Travel Reimbursement	142.00
Library Books	7,235.75
Electricity	896.58
Telephone	512.66
Heating Fuel	2,204.25
Water	123.10
Building Repairs	3,821.44
Equipment/Repairs	798.20
Custodial Care	0.00
Miscellaneous	160.61
Summer Reading Program	<u>482.30</u>
Total	\$45,634.41

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Appropriation \$900.00

Postage	\$27.65
Copier Supplies	70.82
Printing	0.00
Office Supplies	71.83
Professional Development	0.00
Advertising	0.00
Professional Service/Legal	0.00
Reimbursement Phone	0.00
Association Dues	150.00
Field Equipment	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>174.00</u>
Total	\$494.30

DEBT SERVICE
Appropriation \$23,910.00

Prin-Long Term Notes	\$20,000.00
Interest-Long Term Notes	1,410.00
Interest on TAN	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$21,410.00

WARRANT ARTICLES 1998

ARTICLE 6 Complete Mountain Road
Appropriation \$177,500.00

Franeestown Sand & Gravel	\$92,545.50
Central NH Concrete Corp.	3,426.00
Lane-Ballston	5,650.07

Blue Seal Feeds	5,035.00
Edmonds Hardware	61.64
Pipe Plus, Inc.	298.20
All States Asphalt, Inc.	23,335.10
John H. Burroughs Trucking, Inc.	11,375.00
NH Bituminous Company, Inc.	4,725.60
Tilcon Arthur Whitcomb	294.60
Carbee Field Renovation	175.00
Penny Fence	5,374.00
Achille of Peterboro, Inc.	99.99
Sullivan Brothers, Inc.	<u>5,980.00</u>
Total	\$158,375.70

ARTICLE 7 Repair Pumper/Tanker
Appropriation \$43,300.00

Valley Fire Equipment	\$43,300.00
Total	\$43,300.00

ARTICLE 8 Capital Reserves
Appropriation \$98,200.00

Trustees of Trust Funds	<u>98,200.00</u>
Total	\$98,200.00

ARTICLE 10 Bixby Mill Pond Dam Completion
Appropriation \$76,610.00
Carry -over \$3,094.93

Manchester Redimix Concrete, Inc.	\$2,942.00
Gauthier Brothers	4,970.00
Peter Dimmit & Sons	960.00
Miller Plumbing & Heating	17,505.64
Antrim Lumber	2,515.09
Bixby Restorations	1,642.00
Quinn Brothers Corp.	837.87
Jaf Industries, Inc.	756.08
Cohen Steel Supply, Inc.	602.00
D.H. Hardwick & Sons, Inc.	1,179.50
Edmunds Hardware Store	<u>14.97</u>
Total	\$33,926.10

ARTICLE 11 Conservation Fund
Appropriation \$10,000.00

Francestown Conservation	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total	\$10,000.00

ARTICLE 12 Purchase Used Chipper
Appropriation \$13,000.00

Porter's Diesel Service, Inc.	<u>\$13,000.00</u>
Total	\$13,000.00

ARTICLE 13 10-Wheel Diesel Dump Truck
 Appropriation \$6,000.00

State of New Hampshire		<u>\$5,800.00</u>
	Total	\$5,800.00

ARTICLE 17 Install Fuel Management System
 Appropriation \$45,000.00

Miller Plumbing & Heating		180.00
Omega Service		<u>\$4,763.74</u>
	Total	\$4,943.74

*Payroll

Donald C. Abbott	\$1,000.00
James H. Aborn	490.00
Richard A. Belanger	3,122.26
Elizabeth C. Bell	350.13
Robert F. Camelio	1,381.75
Barbara J. Carbee	1,300.56
Scott S. Carbee	2,683.25
Ernest L. Castle	376.25
George C. Cilley	12,133.66
Aaron M. Eder-Linell	737.13
Peter M. Flood	8,400.00
Clayton Foote, Jr.	28,190.37
Richard A. Foote, Sr.	12,274.00
Joan E. Hanchett	15,076.05
Frank Hanchett	1,311.35
Donald H. Hardwick Jr.	131.00
Sirkka T. Holm	1,290.15
Nancy L. Houlihan	8,235.48
Denise E. Hunsaker	1,220.00
Carol W. Ireland	440.00
Lorie A. Jenkins	3,500.00
John W. Jenkins	350.00
Scott M. Jenkins	75.00
Helen Johnston	460.00
Shirley L. Jones	145.20
Peter C. Ketchum	1,560.00
Hobart D. Kiblin	7,618.28
Janet Kiczek	1,935.26
Diane Kilmer	405.00
David W. Kullgren	285.00
Steven H. Lape	1,474.90
Paul H. Lawrence	247.50
Joseph P. Loan	78.00
Joseph C. Ludwig	900.00
James A. Mason	13,188.54
Elaine T. McClary	24,835.00
Demetria A. McKaig	399.00
Bernice E. Miller	410.00
Richard O. Miller	1,786.00
George W. Morgan	135.60
Cheryl L. Morris	400.00

Janet J. Munson	500.00
Pamela A. Nation	965.00
Gary W. Paige	27,145.63
Clayton O. Philbrick III	28,075.68
Daniel T. Pietrovito	299.75
James A. Pietrovito, Jr.	2,023.00
Kenton Pleger	166.26
Lori J. Ricci	17,125.03
Dolores J. Sanchioni	212.15
Patricia L. Schell	84.00
Gordon R. Sherman	66.95
Wayne E. Shields	953.76
Joshua B. Sipe	1,794.50
Joel E. Sipe	2,646.00
Jarrett K. Sloan	291.58
Theodore F. Sloan	262.66
Karen A. St.Cyr	124.45
Paul A. St. Cyr	1,050.00
Linda S. Taylor	160.00
Mary T. Tempone	57.50
Thomas J. Thibeault	7,153.25
Jennifer A. Thompson	232.00
O. Alan Thulander	1,400.00
Kevin P. Tucker	4,923.15
Joan L. Van Cleave	66.95
Harold A. Varnum	82.50
Randall S. Wheeler	1,000.00
Philip J. Woodbury III	<u>4,861.52</u>
Total	\$264,000.94

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997**

Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1998	\$825,275.88
Tax Collector:	\$2,906,273.89
Town Clerk:	\$185,239.14
Federal Grants & Reimbursements	\$29,216.75
State of New Hampshire:	
Shared Revenue Block Grant	\$61,230.72
Highway Block Grant	66,304.02
Other State Grants & Reimbursement	14,325.25
	<u>\$141,859.99</u>
Unclassified:	
Building Permits	\$820.00
Business Permit	25.00
Septic Approvals	195.00
Pistol Permits	300.00
Planning Board Fees	2,135.91
Cemetery Lot Sales/Care	3,461.00
Reimburse Police Expense	1,776.25
Reimburse Highway Expenses	80.00
Waste Disposal Fees	2,182.70
Recycling Sales	2,594.63
Exercise Programs	689.00
Summer Programs	4,947.00
Sale of Town Owned Property	1,525.00
Interest on Investments	29,957.49
Short Term Rental-Town Hall	225.00
Insurance Dividends & Refunds	2,478.73
Escrow Received	1,000.00
Interfund Transfers	146,459.58
Fines & Forfeits	25.00
Commission on Pay Phone	2.82
Donation - Mt.Crotched Fire.Assoc.	20,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	9,801.29
Sales-Printed Materials/Copies	264.50
Reimbursement of Expenses	6,747.05
	<u>\$237,692.95</u>
Total	\$4,325,558.60
LESS: Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$3,487,510.74
Balance in Treasury December 31, 1998	<u>\$838,047.86</u>
Balance in Treasury December 31, 1998:	
Cash-Conservation Account	\$47,056.07
Cash and Other Current Investments	790,991.79
Total Balance in Treasury December 31, 1998	<u>\$838,047.86</u>

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Automobile Permits	1,970	\$177,400.00
** Dog Licenses	390 Tags	2,476.50
Marriage Licenses	7	266.00
Copies of Vital Statistics	39	168.00
Filing Fees	3	12.00
Rebates to Town Clerk		4,916.64

Total	\$185,239.14
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**** A reminder that all dogs should be licensed by April 30th of each year, if dog is over 3 months old. There is a \$25.00 forfeit if your dog is not licensed by June 1st, RSA 466:13. Important please be sure to bring current rabies certificate with you when licensing your dog. Licenses available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to noon, and Monday and Thursday evenings 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine T. McCLARY, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

LEVIES OF	1998	1997
DEBIT		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES:		
Property Taxes		\$266,782.90
Land Use Change		2,581.00
Yield Taxes		3,493.74
TAXES COMMITTED		
-1998:		
Property Taxes	\$2,719,884.00	
Land Use Change	9,672.00	
Yield Taxes	27,256.23	
OVERPAYMENT:		
Property Taxes	1,826.59	75.51
Interest Collected on:		
Delinquent Property Tax	3,873.92	15,783.39
Delinquent Land Use Change Tax		361.89
Delinquent Yield Tax	15.68	309.37
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$2,762,528.42</u>	<u>\$289,387.80</u>
LEVIES OF	1998	1997
CREDIT		
REMITTED TO TREASURER.		
DURING FISCAL YEAR:		
Property Taxes	\$2,420,627.01	\$266,782.90
Land Use Change	5,858.00	2,581.00
Yield Taxes	23,884.19	3,493.74
Interest	3,889.60	16,454.65
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	55,743.00	
OVERPAYMENTS	1,826.59	75.51
Deeded:		
Property Taxes	\$ 652.00	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES		
-END OF YEAR:		
Property Taxes	\$ 242,861.99	
Land Use Change Tax	3,814.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>3,372.04</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$2,762,528.42</u>	<u>\$289,387.80</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TAX LIENS
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

	1997	PRIOR LEVIES
Debit		
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$115,926.02
Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr.	\$119,872.17	
Interest & Costs Collected after lien execution:	3,791.78	24,739.31
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$123,663.95</u>	<u>\$140,665.33</u>
Credit		
REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:		
Redemptions	\$ 56,797.33	\$75,472.28
Interest & Costs (After Lien Execution)	3,791.78	24,739.31
DEEDS ISSUED	1,444.14	2,832.07
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	\$ 61,630.70	\$37,621.67
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$123,663.95</u>	<u>\$140,665.33</u>
Respectfully submitted,		
Elaine T. McClARY, Tax Collector		

UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998

1998 PROPERTY TAX		
ABBOTT, DONALD C. & LINDA	2,146.56	**
ABBOTT, NELLIE N.	4,540.00	
ABBOTT, ROBERT N.	4,292.00	
AMES, ROBERT C. & NATION, PAMELA	2,264.15	**
AMURU TORY PINES RESORT	5,364.00	
BAHNER LAPHAM, DARLENE	3.58	
BARONAS, PAUL & PATRICIA	985.00	
BARRIOS, TOMMY E. & JOHN & SYLVIA	2,719.00	
BELL, CHRISTINE R.	1,835.00	
BERRY, STEPHEN H. & PAMELA M.	2,340.10	
BIAFORE, CAMILE R.	477.00	
BROWN, LILLIAN F.	843.00	**
CAMPBELL, KENNETH	1,684.00	
CASKIE (ET-AL), BARBARA	297.86	
CHASE, JANE B.	2,583.00	
CLARK, THOMAS C. & ANNE	491.00	
CONNOR, RICHARD A. & EILEEN G.	6,310.70	
COPE, GREGORY T. & COMFORT, HALSEY	2,908.00	
CORCORAN, JOHN M.	448.00	
CROWLEY, DENNIS D. & ALETA J.	459.00	
DALLEY, LAWRENCE III & KIMBERLY	1.00	
DEMETRY, JOHN D.	7,752.00	
DUMAIS, DOUGLAS T. & KIMBERLY	6.37	
EaSTAR VENTURES, LLC	28,280.00	
FASANO, MICHAEL & MICHELE	1,280.00	*
FOOTE JR., CLAYTON F.	1,867.00	
FOOTE, RICHARD A. & MARLA L.	1,278.42	
FORTUNE, WILLIAM	582.00	
FRITZ, WILLIAM G. & DONNA P.	2,846.00	
GILL, CATHLEEN	2,150.00	
HALE, JESSIE S.	13.65	
HALSEY, HES & NOAH	3,404.86	
HANLEY, DIANE M.	2,539.47	
HANSEN, WILLIAM F. & PEGGY R.	6,930.00	
HARDWICK, BETSY L.	3,670.00	
HARDWICK, CARL H. JR. & VALORIE MAE	3,515.00	
HARKINS, JOHN	1,790.00	
HARRINGTON, DANIELLE	17.00	
HARTLEB, ROGER	176.00	
HATCH, ROBYN	6,552.00	
HIGGINS, STEPHEN T.	3,629.00	
HOLDING, JESSIE	1,358.00	
HOPKINS, NATALIE	1,968.00	
HOWE, JAMES & JUNE	2,799.38	
HUMPHREYS, HENRY C.	797.00	

UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998

1998 PROPERTY TAX	
HUMPHREYS, KEITH & MARIS	1,535.00
INTERNATIONAL SHOE MACHINE CORP.	1,528.00
JACKSON, DANA	738.00
JARZOMBEK, MICHAEL	4.60
JOHNSON, FONDA & YOUNGER, LAURA	267.00
JOHNSON, WAYNE A. & JOSETTE A.	1,429.80
JONES, CHAMPLIN W. & RUBY M.	1,325.49
JOY, FRANKLIN III & SARAH L.	1,850.00
JOY, THOMAS W.	1,068.00
KEE, ROBERT T.	7.15
KIBLIN, HOBART D. & HEATHER	2,304.00
KIBLIN, WARREN	1,779.00
KNIGHT, PAUL B.	1,292.00
KULLGREN, RONALD & KAREN	1,800.00
LEAVITT, BRIAN S. & DEBORAH W.	1,093.85
LEWIS, STEPHEN M. & ANNE F.	1,309.00
LUDWIG, ANTHONY J. & LUDWIG, JOSEPH & SHIRLEY	1,266.00
MACADAM ASSOC. INC. HEIRS OF WM.	24.00
MACADAM, LOIS	1,885.00
MACDONALD, RALPH E.	51.00
MACDONALD, THOMSON & HOWELL, PRISCILLA	293.58
MAYBEE, HARRY THOMAS	893.00
MCDONNELL, THOMAS & ELIZABETH	1,488.03
MCDONOUGH REVOCABLE TRS. DAVID	2,147.00
MCDONOUGH, DAVID & MARJORIE	873.00
MCDONOUGH, DAVID JAMES	873.00
MCKAIG, KEVIN B. & DEMETRIA	1,569.72
MCKIERNAN, JOHN J. & SUSAN	864.72 *
MILLER, BERNICE	3,484.00
MILLER, REED C. JR. & JUDITH	3,225.45 **
MILLER, RICHARD & BERNICE	3,432.00
MONKTON, CHRISTINE M.	1,716.00
MULLEN, ROBERT J.	1,746.00
NAEGELI, SCOTT & PHYLLIS	2,089.00
NEMETH, JOZSEF & NANCY	2,491.00
O'DONNELL, KENNETH R. & JANICE	3,574.00
PAIGE, GARY & CHLOE	383.45
PAIGE, JOHN E.	1,146.00
PASSANANTE, JOSEPH & IRENE	12.38
PERKINS III, SPENCER W.	2,511.27
QUILTY, JANET M.	3,235.00
RAV REALTY TRUST	2,048.05
ROBERGE, GIANA S.	2,071.00
ROBERTS, RICHARD D. & LORI J.	2,176.00
ROBICHAUD, DAVID L.	45.00

UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998

1998 PROPERTY TAX

RODIER, DENNIS P. & EILEEN L.	4,899.42
SANDERSON III TRUST, NATHAN	3,339.00
SANDERSON IV, NATHAN & CATHERINE	4,849.00
SCHELL, DAVID P. & PATRICIA B.	3,448.00
SISCO, CURTIS W.	1,752.00
SLAMIN, GARY J. & SUE E.	1,984.00
SLOAN, ROBIN M.	6.93
SMITH, GRACE R.	2,289.00
SMITH, HUGH O.	3,789.00
STEWART, KRIS N.	1,006.00
TOLMAN, MATTHEW	1,161.00
TOPPING, HEIDI E.	3,930.00
VON ROSENVINGE, JAMES T. & MAUREEN	5,035.00
WHARTON, JAMES B. & VIVIAN R.	1,066.00
WRIGHT, JUDITH C.	6,302.00
YOUNG, JOHN H. & RITA H.	2,868.00
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED 1998 PROPERTY TAX	<u>\$242,861.99</u>

1998 CURRENT USE TAX

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998

TOLMAN, MATTHEW	<u>3,814.00</u>
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED 98 CURRENT USE TAX	<u>\$3,814.00</u>

1998 YIELD TAX

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998

COPE, GREGORY T.	<u>3,372.04</u>
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED 98 YIELD TAX	<u>\$3,372.04</u>

* PAID IN FULL AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1998

** PARTIAL PAYMENT AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1998

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine T. McClary, Tax Collector

UNREDEEMED TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998

1996 - PROPERTY TAX LIEN

BARONAS, PAUL & PATRICIA	1,090.40
EaSTAR VENTURES. LLC	18,644.01
JOHNSON, FONDA & YOUNGER, LAURA	319.09
JOY FRANKLIN III & SARAH L.	2,034.20
JOY, THOMAS W.	1,409.22
KIBLIN, HOBART D. & HEATHER	1,916.31
QUILTY, JANET M.	2,319.32
SANDERSON IV, NATHAN & CATHERINE	3,659.03
SLAMIN, GARY J. & SUE	2,152.44
SMITH, HUGH O.	4,077.65
TOTAL 1996 PROPERTY TAX LIEN DUE	\$37,621.67

1997 PROPERTY TAX LIEN

BARONAS, PAUL & PATRICIA	1,088.74
BARRIOS, TOMMY E. & JOHN & SYLVIA	1,249.37
CORCORAN, JOHN M.	19.01
EaSTAR VENTURES, LLC	21,728.51
FORTUNE, WILLIAM	337.99
HATCH, ROBYN	3,437.30
HOPKINS, NATALIE	2,121.52
INTERNATIONAL SHOE MACHINE CORP	825.59
JOHNSON, FONDA & YOUNGER, LAURA	319.27
JOY, FRANKLIN III & SARAH	2,015.44
JOY, THOMAS W.	1,391.96
KIBLIN, HOBART D. & HEATHER	2,501.82
KIBLIN, WARREN	1,915.44
MULLEN, ROBERT J.	261.81
QUILTY, JANET M.	3,497.13
ROBERGE, GIANA S.	160.48
ROBERTS, RICHARD D.	952.27
SANDERSON IV, NATHAN & CATHERINE	5,235.02
SLAMIN, GARY J.	2,159.05
SMITH, GRACE R.	100.45
SMITH, HUGH O.	4,091.79
STEWART, KRIS N.	1,102.22
WHARTON, JAMES B.	32.19
WRIGHT, JUDITH C.	3,384.52
YOUNG, JOHN H.	1,701.81
TOTAL 1997 PROPERTY TAX LIEN DUE	\$61,630.70

- * PAID IN FULL AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1997
- ** PARTIAL PAYMENT AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1997

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine T. McClary, Tax Collector

Francestown Volunteer Fire Department
Annual Report - 1998

1998 Officers:

Chief	Donald Abbott
1st Deputy	Brian Delahanty
2nd Deputy	Rich Pierson
Forest Fire Warden	Richard Leavitt
Captains	Gary Paige
	Frank Jones
	David Ballou
	Larry Kullgren
	David Kullgren
Standing Committee	Richard Leavitt
	Rich Pierson
	Chuck Kendall
Clerk	Mark Pitman
Treasurer	Paul St. Cyr
Training Officers	Frank Jones
	David Kullgren
Fire Prevention Officer	Randy Wheeler
Historian	Al Thulander

Breakdown of 1998 calls:

Sunday Radio Check	52
Meetings	12
Training Drills	16
Work Details	15
Rescue - Medical	34
Rescue - Accident	8
Rescue - Water	3
Mutual Aid	10
Public Service	9
Structure Fires	1
Automatic Alarms	5
Vehicle Fires	1
Chimney Fires	7
Public Assist	4
CO Detector	2
Haz Mat Incidents	2
Life Line Calls	1
Non-Permit Burns	1

The Francestown Volunteer Fire Department responded to 88 emergency calls during 1998.

As most of you know the fire pond in the center of town has been completed. Not only is the pond going to be used as a fire protection source it also can be used for ice skating and fishing. Due to the narrow right-of-way to the pond fire hydrant, there can not be any vehicles parked in this right-of-way. Remember to check and make sure the ice is safe before going on it. The water is around 25 feet deep now and a lot of the time the ice might not be thick enough near the dam to withstand a person's weight.

The fire department is looking for more volunteers - especially for the rescue squad. Interested persons should contact me or any other fire department member.

Once again, I would like to thank the townspeople for their continuing support of the volunteer fire department.

Remember, to report an emergency - dial 911.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald C. Abbott, Fire Chief

FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT - 1998

Officers for 1998:

President	Linda Abbott
Vice President	Karen St. Cyr
Secretary	Marie Rechkemmer
Treasurer	Theo Wheeler

Activities for 1998 consisted of selling refreshments during the March Town Meeting; preparing and serving a corned beef dinner at the March Hillsborough Forest Fire Wardens meeting; sponsoring the Senior Girl Scout Troop; and sponsoring the fire prevention poster/essay contest for the school children during Fire Prevention Week in October.

Anyone interested in joining the Auxiliary please contact one of the officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Abbott
President

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

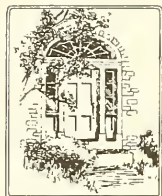
Belknap	44
Carroll	89
Cheshire	67
Coos	18
Grafton	43
Hillsborough	232
Merrimack	108
Rockingham	121
Strafford	64
Sullivan	12
TOTAL FIRES	798
TOTAL ACRES	442.86

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	59
Debris Burning	38
Campfire	29
Power Line	14
Railroad	9
Equipment Use	24
Lightning	16
Children	95
OHRV	6
Miscellaneous	53
Unknown	140
Fireworks	6
Arson/Suspicious	16
Illegal	231
Rekindle	43
Disposal of ashes	19

Gryan Nowell
Forest Ranger

Richard Leavitt
Warden
Francestown



GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Francestown, New Hampshire 03043

ANNUAL REPORT 1998

Library Hours

Tuesday		1 - 5
Wednesday	10-12	1 - 5
Thursday		1 - 7
Friday	10-12	1 - 5
Saturday	9-1	

Pre-School Storytime 10:30 a.m. September - June on Wednesdays

Friday Morning Coffee from November to April

Circulation of Materials	14,412
Fiction & Non Fiction	11,769
Magazines	1,928
Audio Tapes	715
Inter Library Loans	31
New Library Patrons	37

Total 14,412

37 Students 33 Adults
Total 70

Books Added to Library Holdings

Adult 331 11 Gifts Children's 340
Discards Adult Fiction 328 Non Fiction 33 Children's 58

Programs and Exhibits

January	Civil Action	Doug Williams
Feb/		Pat Swan and
March	Art Exhibit	Carol Russell
May	Wool Therapy Workshop	Claudia Chase, Janet
		Rodriguez & Elaine
	Dolls	Gardner
June	Garden Walkabout	
July	Summer Reading Program	Nancy Houlihan
August	Talk on Belfast and Cuba	Bill & Mary Grey
		Nr. Ireland
Sept.	Nubanusit Library Co-Op Meeting	
	Labor Day Francestown Artisans Display	
	Annual Library Welcome Coffee	
Oct.	Art Exhibit	Pat Swan
Dec.	Women's Defense Clinic	Peterborough Police
		Francestown Police

Thanks to all the great readers in Francestown the library continues to be alive and active in the community. I appreciate the support of the Trustees and enjoy working with Nancy, Sirkka and Frank.

Remember this is your library and let us know if you have any requests.

Respectfully Submitted

JOAN E. HANCHETT
LIBRARIAN

THE GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
LIBRARY TRUSTEE REPORT 1998

Our library continues to grow, mirror and serve the diverse interests of all ages in our vibrant community. We also remain a center for community gatherings and host events throughout the year: workshops, exhibits by local artists and crafts people, coffees and educational programs. This year marked the library's 75th year of operation in our present location. We celebrated this event on August 22nd with punch, lots of sweet treats, and many, many balloons; a wonderful party.

Several projects have been completed this year that have added to the operational efficiency and comfort of this grand old building. The septic problems have been solved for the present use of the library. Insulation and combination storm/screen windows installed in the attic have helped to alleviate ice damming and conserve heating costs. The replacement/renovation of the our existing fire escape remains to be completed in 1999.

Once again this year we remain grateful to Betsy Weiderhold and other gardeners for the many hours they contributed to the care of the beautiful gardens we all enjoy as we enter the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Varnum
Diane Sweet
MaryFrances Carey

The acquisition of Open Space for the town was a major focus of the Conservation Commission this year. The Whiting Acres property on Rte 136 opposite the site of the Foote barn came up for sale at a reduced price, and there was widespread concern that the open meadows and beautiful view over Scobie Pond to the Lyndeborough hills would be compromised by development. As it turned out, the amount of money in the Conservation Fund was not sufficient for the purchase, and the Commission itself was divided as to its importance. Shortly thereafter, two properties abutting the Crotched Mountain Town Forest and owned by the Merrill Trust came onto the market. There was widespread support, both on and off the Commission, for their purchase. We made two consecutive offers for the properties, both of which were considerably below the asking price. The second offer was possible only because Frankestown Land Conservation Inc. promised to make up the difference between the monies in the Conservation Fund and the new asking price of the land. Frankestown Land Conservation Inc. is the newly revived town land conservancy— a non-governmental, non-profit entity. This is a perfect example of how the two groups can work co-operatively in the best interests of the town. Unfortunately, a larger offer for the land was then made by a local logging company, and that offer was accepted by the Merrill Trust.

There is reason for optimism, however, since a new state initiative, for the purchase of Open Space, is being prepared, to be considered by the Legislature in 2000. This would provide towns with matching state funds for land acquisition, and therefore the greater the amount of money in the Conservation Fund the better we can take advantage of the state funds when they become available.

A source of pride is the fact that the Open Space Management Plan for the town, prepared by the Conservation Commission in 1997, has been requested as a model to be used by towns state-wide in the preparation of their own Plans.

The Conservation Commission, with the help of the selectmen, applied for a grant from the NH Ice Storm Community Forestry Grants Program to help defray the costs of cleaning up serious ice damage (in January 1998) in the town forests above a certain elevation. Our application was successful: the amount of the grant is: \$5,400.00.

Town forests are regularly visited and monitored. Trail maintenance and clearing are ongoing activities. We are delighted to report that a new circuit trail encompassing the larger beaver pond has now been completed and marked by Commission members, and is ready for walkers, skiers, and

snowshoers. It takes about two hours to walk the circuit, and it is a very pleasant and generally level trail.

We are in the process of gathering information on possible timber cutting in the Crotched Mountain Town Forest, within the parameters established in our Forest Plan—considering the essential importance of wildlife habitat and corridors, recreation, aesthetic values, forest health, and so on.

Conservation Commission members have been and will continue to be involved as consultants in the design and development of a wildlife-supportive landscape for the grounds of the elementary school.

Wetlands permits continue to demand time. All minimum impact projects are reviewed on site by the commission and a report is filed with the state. We also assist landowners in evaluating potential projects.

The Commission walks the town's Conservation Easements every autumn, to make sure that Easement restrictions are being honored.

Respectfully submitted,

Dodie Finlayson
Chris Danforth
Betsy Hardwick
Peter Kostecki
Larry Kullgren
Bob Lindgren

Taisto Holm
Polly Freese

The Conservation Fund as of January 1999: \$47,056.07

No money was spent from the fund in 1998.

No money has been spent from this fund since its establishment, because the fund has never been large enough to allow the aquisition of suitable land on behalf of the town. By law, no such money *can* be spent without approval from the selectmen and a public hearing.

1998 SCHEDULE OF CONSERVATION LANDS

TOWN FORESTS: (718.51 acres)

- | | | |
|----|--|-------------|
| 1) | Crotched Mountain Town Forest
(King, Merrill, and Schultz purchases and Merrill donation - south side of Crotched Mountain) | 630.0 acres |
| 2) | Driscoll Hill Town Forest
(Bowman Tract - off Driscoll Hill Road) | 53.6 acres |
| 3) | Lord Town Forest
(Ferson Road) | 27.91 acres |
| 4) | Piscataquog River Town Forest
(Behind/beside transfer station) | 6.0 acres |
| 5) | Fire Tower Town Forest
(Former state fire tower site - Crotched Mountain summit) | 1.0 acre |

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS HELD BY TOWN: (238.39 acres)

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|----|---|-------------|
| 6) | Pleasant Pond/Piscataquog River
(Off Pleasant Pond Road, donated by Ellen M. Hill) | 144.9 acres |
| 7) | Piscataquog River
(Poor Farm and Todd Roads, donated by Harry & Connie Varnum) | 45.6 acres |
| 8) | Piscataquog River
(South New Boston Road donated, by Karen Dunscombe) | 22.63 acres |
| 9) | Whiting Brook
(Off Route 136, donated by Anthony Davis) | 25.26 acres |

The winter of 1998 was once again more of an ice winter than snow, the sand pile was totally depleted and about (350) tons of salt was used..

We added a used chipper to replace the old one, plus purchased a used ten wheeler dump truck, this replaced a 1954 army truck, and gave us the ability to move our own aggregate from Bennington more proficiently than with 6 wheelers (14 yd body versus 6 yd body).

Maintenance wise, we did major work on the loader, brakes, wiring, etc., decided to keep for an extended (5) years. Replaced transmission in (5) ton truck, and new belt in sander. There were other major repairs, but still not bad considering the amount of equipment being used.

Major projects were completed, Mountain Road reconstruction was done by Francestown Sand & Gravel, Inc., all base work was supervised by myself and Harry Varnum, an excellent job, this road should last (30) plus years with normal maintenance.

We handled a major ice storm in late January, FEMA paid for a major part of the storm cleanup.

All road projects were completed, a little late, but the weather cooperated, as winter didn't arrive until the fourth week of December.

We used part-time help extensively, to help cover for the work that George W. Morgan used to do, including equipment maintenance and road maintenance. I am going to ask the people of Francestown to support a motion by me, to increase the labor part of the budget at town meeting for the purpose of hiring a replacement person, and to support an 8.5% increase for myself, Gary Paige and Clayton Philbrick, plus 50 cents an hour for part time help. We would really appreciate a show of support for the Department. The work load has not diminished, with population growth it increases.

Roads graveled (partial or total) this year as part of annual maintenance were;

2nd NH Tpke No., from Tory Pines to Times Square	
Back Mountain Road	Dennison Pond Road
Candlewood Hill Road	Scoby Road
Dodge Hill Road	Russell Station Road, (major)
Birdsall Road	Pherson Road
Poor Farm Road	

Graveling planned for 1999;

County Road South from intersection at Steven's Road	
2nd NH Tpke No. by Wasserloos	Poor Farm Road
King Hill Road	Pearley Road
Avery Road	Chandler Road
Udall Road	Town Line Road
2nd NH Tpke past Wilson Hill Intersection	

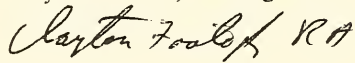
We have submitted another Drainage Improvement Plan to FEMA for Dennison Pond Road, and are awaiting a response.

The budget came in under projected expenses for the 10th time in my (11) years as Road Agent, I am pleased, and hope that you are.

We also continue to attend learning seminars at U.N.H. T2.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clayton Foote Jr., Road Agent



HIGHWAY ADVISORY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

This past year has been both productive and non-productive for the committee. We have accomplished many goals set out for us by the selectmen's agenda. Still, we have failed on others due to the lack of necessary equipment to complete the task.

During the first half of the year the committee completed and turned into the selectmen for their approval, the Organizational Chart, the Employee Handbook, the Job Descriptions and Qualifications, Pay Grade System, and the Employee Appraisal Forms. These have all been approved and were put into practice by the selectmen.

We also recommended that Clayton Foote, Jr. and Richard Kiczek attend a seminar at UNH in Durham for a T-Square Seminar. This is a software program for road surface management. The committee felt that sending the road agent would give us the practical expertise needed, and the knowledge to identify the types of road surfaces the town has. The committee charged Richard Kiczek with the practical application of the software package and selection of the type of computer needed to run this program.

There was a second opportunity to send representatives to the T-Square seminar in Lebanon, NH on inventory management. The committee recommended sending Clayton Foote, Jr. and Gary Paige from the Highway Department and Betsy Hardwick from the committee. We felt the highway representatives were knowledgeable of the town equipment on hand and the needs for maintenance. Betsy Hardwick was also knowledgeable of construction equipment, the computer, and software needs. UNH also put on this seminar.

The Fuel Management System approved by the town last year should be in operation by this town meeting. Only, because of the special efforts put into this project by Gary Paige. He is in charge of the installation. When they received it, the keyboard was broken and had to be replaced. However, the company in Texas was out of business. Gary located Fogg in Maine and with their help replacing the keyboard, it should become operational.

While we were working on these details, Harry Varnum was working with the road agent on inventory management. After working through the summer compiling the information the results were inconclusive since neither the hours each truck is used, nor the hours of labor spent on repairs have been regularly recorded. This is where the momentum seemed to slow. The equipment desperately needed by the road agent was a new computer and inventory management software

package. Betsy Hardwick reported that the T-Square software system reviewed at the seminar she attended is exactly what we needed to clarify the inconclusive findings in Harry Varnum's report. The inventory management package compiles information on cost of keeping vehicles, fuel used, lubricants, cost of repairs, cost of labor to repair, hours of use, and bottom line cost of keeping the vehicle. The computer when installed in the Highway Department, would also be used (with the proper software) to track the highway departments projects, hours and materials used to complete the project.

One item on our agenda was to advise the selectmen of the staffing requirements. However, without a running schedule of what work is done and needed to be done we cannot give a fair evaluation. The committee related this to both the selectmen and the road agent.

Enough negativism, the committee looks forward to next year with anticipation. We are looking forward to putting some of our software package recommendations into practice with the computer the selectmen assured us was forthcoming. We are also looking forward to seeing the outcome of our labors with the new handbooks and the recommendations, such as the employees' evaluation/merit pay program.

The committee has worked on developing a program that provides a way to identify employees weaknesses and strengths, to give direction and encouragement, and to give the employee initiative and responsibility for a positive work attitude. We hope it works out well for both the employees and the town.

Again, I would like to thank the committee for their dedication and efforts. I would also like to welcome Betsy Hardwick to the committee. She is definitely an asset.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul V. Ellis, Chair
Highway Advisory Committee

Emergency Management 1998

The Town applied for and received additional hazard mitigation grants of \$43,542.00. In addition I have written a grant with assistance from Road Agent Foote to request additional aid of \$30,000 to resolve a long-standing problem on Dennison Pond Road. I have received assurances that this grant will be approved.

Should anyone have questions relating to natural disasters, emergency services, etc, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted

O. Alan Thulander
Director, Emergency Management

Historic District Commission 1998

Though formal action by Town Meeting on a historic district ordinance remains in abeyance, the members of the commission stand ready to advise any property owner in town as to resource materials available for restoration/preservation of our architectural and historical heritage. Please contact any member of the commission for information.

O. Alan Thulander, Chairman
Veda O'Neill
Mary Noordsy
Barbara Radtke
Frank Hanchett
Abigail Arnold
Nicholas Wilder

Cemetery Commission 1998

Restoration work continues in all cemeteries. The commission applied for a grant from the N.H. Ice Storm Community Forestry Grants Program and will receive upwards of \$12,000 to remove damaged and diseased trees, and replace them with appropriate plantings.

We also ask for the Town's approval of a capital reserve appropriation of \$7,500 to accumulate sufficient funds to replace the fence at the Turnpike Cemetery and to begin to expand the cemetery southward along the Turnpike on land already owned by the Town.

We are happy to report that the maintenance agreement entered into last year has been very successful and will be continued. As always we solicit your suggestions and understanding.

Gordon Sherman
Richard Leavitt
O. Alan Thulander, Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

FRANCESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03043

Police Report 1998

Calls for service are up this year by 340 calls. Burglaries are down from last year through there was a rash of five burglaries that took place in a period of three weeks. Patrols were added after this and continued thru the end of the summer. One robbery and assault took place the latter part of the year and the State Police are investigating. This incident through very serious appears isolated.

The Department had to collect 43 Dog Licenses for the Town. Dog Licenses have become a high priority due to the Rabies problem in the State.

The Following is a list of the types of Calls answered:

Accidents	38	Domestic Disturbance	20
Alarms	50	Fire & Medical Calls	45
Animal Calls	51	Found/Lost Property	10
Arrests	14	Juvenile Problems	20
Assaults	6	Follow Up Calls	75
Assist Citizens	46	Missing Person Calls	5
Assist Other Dept.	38	Motor Vehicle Complaints	44
Attempted Suicides	3	OHRV Complaints	9
Burglaries	8	Robbery	1
Bad Checks	20	Service of Paperwork	81
Civil Matters	9	Suspicious Person Calls	38
Criminal Threatening	4	Sexual Assault	1
Trespass	4	Unsecured Buildings	5
Disturbances	5	Wires Down & Highway	31

Welfare Checks	5	Private Details	18
911 hang-ups	15	Miscellaneous	259

TOTAL CALLS - 1004

The Department added two new Officers this year. Wayne Shields who lives in Weare and works at the New Hampshire State Prison in Concord and Ernest Castle who lives in Manchester and works for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department. Ernest worked for the Department a few years ago and we are happy to have him back. He had left the Department to take a full time Police job in Allenstown.

Aaron Linell left the Department to take a full time position with the New Hampshire State Police. We will miss Aaron and wish him well as a State Trooper.

A Halloween safety program was conducted in October at the School. Donation of Baseball Cards from David Burroughs, and Toy donations from Wendy's were given to the children along with stickers and safety information. Other programs are planned for this year.

Respectfully;

Chief Peter M. Flood

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
1998 REPORT

Breakdown of calls for 1998

Missing dogs -	8
Stray dogs -	10
Missing cats -	5
Stray cats -	7
Dogs - nuisance -	15
(concerning barking, chashing, roaming)	
Dog bites -	5
Horses -	2
Pigs -	3
Miscellaneous -	6
(calls concerning animal's welfare, wild animal sightings)	

Several animals we picked up this year were taken to the Monadnock Human Society in Swanze; we also took several to the newly built, newly opened facility in Bedford (used to be Goffstown).

This April will again bring a rabies clinic to town, watch for signs and notices.

As a reminder, state law requires all dogs be licensed by May 1st each year. Remember - it costs you an additional \$ 1.00 a month after June 1 to license your dog. Proof of rabies vaccination (a rabies certificate) is required to license your dog - make sure you bring the certificate with you when you go to the Town Annex to license your dog.

Respectfully submitted
Ronald C. Abbott

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 1998

The New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated and the Francestown Zoning Ordinance give the Board of Adjustment the power to do the following: (1) Hear appeals from administrative decisions relating to the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, (2) make "Special Exceptions" from the terms of the Ordinance, (3) authorize Variances" from the terms of the Ordinance and (4) grant "Equitable Waivers" from compliance with the dimensional requirements of the Ordinance. In each case the power of the Board is strictly limited by the terms of the Statutes and the Ordinance and persons wishing to bring a matter before the Board should examine the Ordinance before filing an application. Copies of the Ordinance and forms for applications and information on filing fees are available at the Town Offices.

The 1998 Board consisted of Guy A. Swenson, Jr., Chairman, Charles Onasch, Vice-Chairman, Richard S. Mikula, Richard Kiczek and Ann Soper. Alternates were Charles M. Pyle, Jr., Jozsef Nemeth and Carol W. Ireland. Ann Soper served as Clerk and Demetria McCaig and then Kira Kilmer served as the recording secretary.

During 1998 the Board granted two applications for Special Exceptions and one application for an Equitable Waiver. One application for a variance was filed but the Board determined after a hearing that no variance was required.

Regular meetings of the Board of Adjustment are scheduled for the second thursday of each month. All meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy A. Swenson, Jr.
Chairman

FRANCESTOWN PLANNING BOARD - 1998

The Board approved one two lot subdivision at the intersection of Bible Hill Road and Ferson Road for John White and an annexation of land from one lot owned by Ken and Lisa Campbell on Dennison Pond road to another lot also owned by them. The net result was to increase the number of lots in town by one.

The Board also granted a phased, conditional site plan approval to the New Iceland Ski company. New Iceland, which was interested in opening the ski area, has since withdrawn from the picture. In addition, conditional approvals were given to PSNH and Bell Atlantic Mobile to cut and trim trees on scenic roads.

The Board spent a large part of the year working on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance: In Francetown, most commercial and industrial uses require a special exception. The zoning ordinance contains a list - Table 2 - of more than 20 such uses permitted by special exception as well as Section 7 which specifies the criteria that the uses must meet in order to be approved. Section 7 of the ordinance contains both general criteria which are suitable for all development and specific standards, such as acreage and setback requirements, which are specific to the type of use. However, specific criteria are not provided for all special exception uses. It was a recommendation of the Master Plan and the advice of Town Counsel that the Planning Board review Table 2 and provide specific criteria for Section 7 where they were lacking. This was a large undertaking initially planned to be presented as a single amendment - a new Section 7. However, as the project progressed, it became apparent that voters should be given the opportunity to vote on many of the issues separately. The result is 12 proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance. As shown in the following table, in most cases no change from special exception to permitted - or vice versa - is proposed. Uses that would change are printed in bold type.

Summary of Approval Status for Types of Uses Affected by Zoning Proposals

(P=Permitted PS=Perm. Subject to Performance Standards E=Special Exception N=Not Perm.)

W. #	Use	Current		Proposed	
		Village	Rural	Village	Rural
3	Kennels	N	E	N	E
4.	Sale of "take-out" food by general store and sit down restaurants	N	N	P	P
	Sale of "fast food" and "drive-through"	N	N	N	N
	Sit Down restaurants -New constr.	N	E	N	E
	Sit Down restaurants - Interior alter.	E	E	E	E
5	Rest/Convalescent homes	E	E	E	E
6	Stables and riding academies (commercial)	N	P	N	P
	Commercial facilities for skating, fitness centers, court sports other than tennis & racquet ball	N	N	N	P

W. #	Use	Current		Proposed	
		Village	Rural	Village	Rural
7	Family and youth camps - summer	E	E	E	E
	Family and youth camps - any season	N	N	E	E
8	Automotive Service Stations	E	E	E	E
9	Sawmills	N	E	N	E
10	Personal solar/wind devices -35'+	E	E	P	P
	Commercial solar/wind devices - 35'+	E	E	E	E
	Commercial solar/wind devices - 0-35'	P	P	E	E
11	Commercial transmitting/receiving antenna	N	E	N	E
12	Retail sale of prod. made in the home	E	E	P	P
	Low intensity uses not traditionally defined as home occupations	E	E	P	P

The following excerpts from the Planning Board's March newsletter and the February issue of the Francestown News are intended to provide supplemental information to the complete text of the proposals which is available at the library, the offices of the town clerk and the selectmen, and on bulletin boards at the post office and town hall annex.

Article 2: General Provisions for Special Exceptions: In 1975 the Town gave the Planning Board the responsibility for approving the plans for multi-family and commercial projects. As part of its review, often conducted jointly with the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), the Board may, when necessary, request professional studies and assistance paid for by the applicant. The intent of the article is to expedite the review process, for boards and applicants, and to clarify when site plan review is required.

Article 3: Kennels, Vets, etc. (commercial and private): In drafting Article 3, the Planning Board had 3 main objectives: 1) To distinguish between higher impact users in terms of noise, e.g. breeders and boarders, and lower impact users like vet clinics with no outdoor runs. 2) To better protect abutters by adding noise abatement provisions, and 3) To make it easier for people with dogs to be in compliance with the ordinance. Changes include a reduction in dimensional requirements for kennels from 10 acres, 500' of frontage and 150' side/rear building setback to 5 acres, 300' of frontage and a 100' side/rear setback for all related structures, including runs and fences; the establishment of lesser standards - e.g. 3 acres - for users without outdoor facilities; substituting the number of breeding females for the total number of dogs as one of the criteria for when a special exception is required.

Article 4: Restaurants: In drafting this proposal, the Board's first objective was to reflect not only certain existing and accepted practices but also the increased importance in many residents lifestyles of take-out food - from sources such as deli counters in

grocery and convenience stores, traditional restaurants like The Inn at Crotched or hybrids like 12 Pine. To this end, Article 4 would allow general/convenience stores and sit down restaurants to sell take-out food. Fast-food and drive-throughs would continue to be prohibited. The second objective was to add more flexibility to the permitting process for restaurants, especially in the village district, while still protecting abutters. In this regard, proposed changes include changing the dimensional requirements and making off-street parking requirements more flexible.

Article 5: Rest/Convalescent Homes: Currently, there are general, but no specific, special exception requirements for rest/convalescent homes and other skilled nursing facilities accommodating up to 51 people. Article 5 does not change any existing requirements. The additional language proposed is intended to reinforce the town's desire for appropriate scale and discrete off-street parking.

Article 6: Commercial Recreation Facilities & Stables: In drafting Article 6, the Board had two main objectives: 1) to eliminate unnecessary confusion caused by inconsistencies in the ordinance and 2) to better reflect current demographics and lifestyles by adding fitness centers, skating and all types of court sports to the list of commercial recreational facilities allowed by special exception.

Article 7: Camps: Currently, family and youth camps are allowed by special exception in the provided normal lot size and setback requirements are met and operations are limited to the summer months. Facilities for recreational vehicles, trailers, motor homes and individual tent sites are not allowed. Article 7 would 1) allow camps to operate during any or all of the calendar year and 2) add specific special exception criteria reinforcing the town's emphasis on appropriate scale and adequate facilities.

Article 8: Auto Service Stations: Currently, there are general, but no specific, special exception requirements for service stations. In drafting this recommendation, the Board's three major objectives were to recognize service stations as a higher than normal impact use in otherwise residential/agricultural districts, to reinforce that scale must be appropriate to the size of the community, and to clarify that service stations may make the normal types of repairs required for a vehicle to pass state inspection. Changes under Article 8 include an increase in the lot size requirement from 3 to 4 acres and the establishment of a 75' front setback for buildings and structures.

Article 9: Sawmills: Currently, sawmills are allowed by special exception only in the rural district and are subject to normal minimum dimensional requirements. Although the Board recognizes sawmills as a time honored use in rural communities, it also realizes that sawmills are high impact uses and that there are few remaining areas of town where such a use would not negatively affect residential areas. Article 9 would increase the minimum lot size requirement to 20 acres and the minimum front/side/rear setbacks for all structures to 200 feet. Other changes include setback and landscaping requirements for outside storage areas.

Article 10: Solar and Wind Devices: At present, private and commercial solar and wind devices over 35 feet in height are permitted by special exception on a minimum of 3 acres in both the village and rural districts. Over the years, as public concern over the commercialization of mountain tops has grown, the Board has received a number of

requests to protect ridge lines and viewsapes. Article 10 would make private solar/wind devices, regardless of height, permitted uses in the rural and village districts. Conversely, special exception criteria would apply to all commercial devices, regardless of height.

Article 11: Commercial Receiving and Transmitting Antenna: Commercial communications towers are allowed by special exception only in the rural district. At present, Frankestown has four towers, 3 of which are on Crotched Mt. In 1996 a federal law which requires towns to allow all competitors in personal wireless services reasonable opportunity to operate in their jurisdiction was passed. In drafting Articles 10 and 11, the Planning Board had the following objectives: 1) to give the community as much control over the location of the facility(s) as possible; 2) to recognize Crotched Mountain and its profile, as a unique landmark and as a prominent feature in a regional viewscape; 3) to prevent a proliferation of substandard lots, and 4) to try to insure that the facilities are removed if they are no longer needed. Article 11 would require the applicant to show that his proposal is the lowest impact of all available alternatives and/or to locate his antennas on existing towers, were feasible. Although applicants would be able to co-locate, no new tower locations will be allowed on Crotched Mountain at altitudes of 1,300 feet or more and the ZBA would be authorized to create a special substandard lot which exists only for the life of the tower. Other provisions covered by Article 11 include a ban on night lighting and separate requirements for radio and television towers.

Article 12: Home Businesses: Home occupation is a term for the type of low impact business that people are allowed to conduct in their home, provided that the use is incidental to the residential use of the property and of a scale compatible with residential neighborhoods. Over time, the list of specific businesses that qualify as home occupations has become outmoded. For example, at present, certain computer businesses might not be allowed under this approach and all types of retail sales require a special exception. Article 12 would replace the term "home occupation" with the broader term, "home business" which would include 1) an indoor service, 2) a professional office or an indoor job such as tele-marketing, 3) a product manufactured on the premises, 4) the retail sale of products made on premise and 5) home based businesses whose primary activity is performed at a site other than the home, e.g. electrician. Although the type of permitted business is broader, the basic concept of small scale, zero/low impact accessory uses that must adhere to certain requirements - e.g., no exterior storage, no excessive traffic or frequent visits by heavy equipment and no more than 2 employees, other than household residents - is retained.

Article 13: Aircraft Landings: In 1996 the state legislature overrode our zoning ordinance by making aircraft landings by the owner/lessor of the land a permitted use everywhere in the state - unless individual towns take other action. Communities have 2 basic alternatives: ban landing areas altogether or permit them in certain areas by special exception. In recommending the latter approach, the Planning Board's objective was to allow property owners to land their own aircraft provided they have adequate acreage to do so without endangering their neighbors or otherwise unduly impacting area residents. For fixed wing aircraft in the rural district only, Article 13 would establish 500 foot setbacks for either end of the landing strip and 300 foot setbacks from both sides of the strip. For helipads in the rural district only, a 750 foot setback in all directions would

apply. Other provisions covered by Article 13 include a ban on night lights and limits on hours of operation. This proposal will not regulate hot air balloons or ultralights.

Cautionary Note: A YES vote means landing areas will be allowed only in the rural district provided that certain conditions are met. A NO vote on this article means that, YES, aircraft landing areas will be permitted everywhere in town. Voters who are against landing strips of any type, anywhere should petition the Planning Board to place that choice on the ballot next year; in the meantime, a 'yes' vote on this article is closer to their position than a 'no' vote. **Banning landing strips is not an option being presented to voters at this time.**

Article 14 was proposed by petition, not by the Planning Board, and involves the Historic District Commission (HDC).

Background: By state law, an HDC is composed of between 3 and 7 members, plus alternates, all appointed by the Board of Selectmen. One member must be a selectman and the others who must be residents of the town at large must be supportive of historic preservation. HDCs are authorized to do only two things: 1) to help in doing the work required to develop an historic district ordinance and 2) to administer an historic district, should one be approved. Francestown voted to establish an HDC in 1991. In 1993, proposals for a Main Street/Mill Village historic district met with strong opposition from a group of residents and discussion was tabled indefinitely. While the 1995 Master Plan recognized that politics precluded the establishment of an historic district anytime in the foreseeable future, it recommended that the HDC be retained to educate people about the town's historic resources and to work with FIHS and others to provide local expertise to interested property owners. In fact, the historic district commission has been inactive since 1993.

Proposal: A group of voters, by petition, is proposing that the town abolish the historic district commission. The reasons presented by the sponsors of the article at a public hearing included: 1) historic districts represent an excessive level of regulation; 2) the state law should be changed to allow an elected commission whose members reside in the historic district; 3) the commission can, and will, violate the law and abuse its authority and 4) the commission is inactive.

The Planning Board voted, 3-3-1 against recommending this article.

If you have any questions about the zoning proposals or the Planning Board, in general, please do not hesitate to contact one of our members. We also encourage you to attend our meetings. We need your input.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Arnold
Chairman

**FRANCESTOWN'S SIX YEAR (1998-2003)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which was updated in January of 1999, serves three basic functions:

1. First and foremost, the CIP is a valuable planning tool which should help the Town to anticipate, prioritize, coordinate and manage its capital expenditures.
2. The CIP will provide part of the basis for developing an impact fee system which will require a developer, under certain circumstances, to offset some of the increased cost to the Town necessitated by his project.
3. The CIP will be essential for the development of any growth management ordinances, if, in the future, the Town should determine growth management to be necessary.

For 1999 the Planning Board is recommending a spending plan, net of reserves and other offset revenues, of \$279,100 compared to a recommended plan of \$274,200 in 1998. Unanticipated projects, which were largely offset by re-prioritizing other expenditures, include the removal of 3 underground storage tanks - as required by law - the purchase of new computers for the Selectmen's office - necessitated by the "Y2K" problem - and repair of the Main Street sidewalk for safety reasons.

The most significant difference between the CIP and the actual warrants is that the CIP recommends that any road work, other than engineering, be deferred in order, generally, to give the town the maximum flexibility in dealing with the costs of the Main Street upgrade and, specifically, in the case of the 2nd NH Turnpike North, to a) determine the scope and cost of the project and b) avoid paving over unresolved problems.

Specifics of the 1999 CIP as recommended by the Planning Board are listed in Column 2 of Exhibit 1 on the next page. Also included in Exhibit 1 are the warrants as actually proposed by the departments. Footnotes indicate whether the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval of a particular warrant article.

The CIP is prepared - and this summary is provided - to assist you in your decision making at Town Meeting. If you would like a copy of the complete plan or have any questions about the plan and how it is prepared, please contact the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

The Planning Board
The Board of Selectmen
The Budget Committee

February 19, 1999

EXHIBIT 1
COMPARISON OF 1999 CIP WITH THE 1999 WARRANT ARTICLES

(1) Expense Item	(2) CIP	(3) Warrant Proposal	(4) Note	(5) Est. Tax Impact
Capital Reserve Items				
Highway Equipment	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	2	\$.22
Fire Equipment	40,000	40,000	2	.44
Fire Radios	500	500	2	.01
Conservation Fund	20,000	20,000	2	.22
Recreation Fund	5,000	5,000	2	.05
Road Improvements	100,000	100,000	2	1.09
Police Vehicles	6,000	6,000	2	.07
Hwy. Garage	25,000	15,000	2	.16
Town Bldg. Improv.	20,000	20,000	2	.22
Library Expansion	5,000	5,000	2	.05
Reappraisal	5,000	5,000	2	.05
Cemetery	-	5,000	2	.05
Equip/Projects/Non-Capital Warrants				
Red School Improv.	65,000	66,481	2	-
Underground Fuel Tank	12,000	12,000	2	.13
Emerg. Commun. Equip	8,500	8,500	2	-
Computers	7,500	11,500	2	.13
Library Roof Repairs	3,100	-		-
Sidewalk Maintenance	5,000	5,200	2	.05
Flag Poles (3)	-	2,500	2	.03
Road Imp.-Engineering	5,000	5,000	4	-
Road Imp - 2nd NH N	-	21,000	3	.23
Road Imp. - 2nd NH S	-	75,000		-
Town Administrator	-	12,000		.13
Total 1999 CIP	\$357,600			
Total 1999 Warrants		\$385,681*		\$ 3.33
Total 1998 Warrants				\$ 2.60

Note 1: Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation is based on actual warrant proposal - not the CIP proposal.

Note 2: In Column 4, a #2 notation indicates that approval of the warrant article is recommended by a majority of the Board of Selectmen and of the Budget Committee. A #3 notation indicates that neither group recommends approval. A #4 notation indicates that neither group expresses an opinion.

Note 3: Selectmen were discussing last minute changes to the warrants which may not be reflected in the above table.

* If work to 2nd NH Tpk S. is approved, Selectmen will reduce reserve funding to \$25,000.

**FRANCESTOWN PLANNING BOARD
SUB-COMMITTEE
REPORT OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The Road Improvement Program Sub-Committee was established in May of 1989 by the Planning Board to help develop a long term road improvement program for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program.

PURPOSE:

1. To recommend an appropriate sum of money to be spent each year to improve the roads of Francestown.
2. To recommend a 6 year plan of roads to be improved, listing roads and work to be done on each.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To continue the policy that the full cost of all road improvement projects be raised by warrant article stating location and scope of each project.
2. To continue to raise and appropriate \$100,000 a year, to be allocated between capital reserves and capital expenditures as needed. At present, it is recommended that funding for the capital reserve established for future road improvements be funded by \$25,000 in 1999, plus an additional sum of \$75,000 should projects be deferred from one year to the next or should a specific project not be supported by voters.
3. Starting in 1998, to have the majority of the work on all CIP reconstruction projects be performed by qualified outside contractors, rather than by the Highway Department. The Board of Selectmen and the Road Agent are in agreement with this recommendation since a large part of the reconstruction work requires the use and rental of equipment not owned by the town. Also, it is preferable to have the department personnel concentrate on regular road maintenance.
4. In 1999 to place all capital road funds (\$100,000) in reserves in anticipation of future projects, such as: the reconstruction of Main Street, current estimated cost, without state/federal grants, of \$150,000+; reconstruction of the 2nd New Hampshire Turnpike South and the correction of unanticipated problems. These projects should/must be deferred for one or more reasons: In the case of Main Street, construction - which will be handled by the state - is not scheduled for at least another year and costs for this project still remain up in the air. In the case of the turnpike, more engineering is needed to determine the scope and cost of the work to be done and to assess the potential for savings if larger projects are done every other year.

5. To accelerate the accumulation of traffic data. (The counters first purchased by the Planning Board were defective and had to be returned. Replacements have been obtained and the program is scheduled to start in May.)

RECOMMENDED PLAN (Subject to annual review and update):

The 1999 - 2004 Capital Improvements Program for roads continues to be based heavily upon the results of the 1994 Master Plan Questionnaire. Prioritization of projects remains incomplete because of the problems with the traffic counters. (Numbers in the left hand column indicate the year in which the work is to be done.)

1999	Supplement capital reserves	\$ 75,000
2000	Reconstruction of 2nd NH Turnpike	\$ 75,000
2001	Reconstruction of Main Street Sidewalk	\$ 75,000
2002	Reconstruction of 2nd NH Turnpike - continued	\$ 75,000
2003	Continue reconstruction of paved roads	\$ 75,000
2004	Continue reconstruction of paved roads	\$ 75,000

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Arnold
Scott Carbee
Clayton Foote
Jeff Gorton
David Jonas
Scott Sanderson
Harry Varnum

January 25, 1999

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN- 1998

Freezing rain January 7th through 10th left a thick coat of ice on everything and brought down trees and wires leaving many residents without power for up to a week.

In March, voters agreed to a one year trial period in which the town offices will move into the Red School building and the building they are vacating will be used for community purposes.

After over a year of negotiations with New Icelandic Ski Co., which was hopefully leading to the sale and reopening of Crotched Mt Ski Area, the deal is off and the area is on the market again.

Heavy June rains washed out small gardens and ruined crops at larger scale farming operations.

Postmaster Phillip Ireland retired in November after working at the Francestown Post Office for 18 years. He worked the first 4 years as rural carrier and the last 14 as Postmaster.

On December 18th, Scott and Sennu Keith welcomed quadruplets- 3 sons and 1 daughter.

The Francestown Improvement and Historical Society sponsored the 81st Labor Day celebration. The theme of the weekend was "Celebrate the Little Joys in Life". At the Historical Rooms, volunteers began cataloguing all the historical artifacts on their recently acquired computer system. The Historical rooms were open to the public on: August 22nd for the Library Anniversary Celebration, September 7th for Labor Day, September 16th for the Newcomers Tea, October 25th for a visit by the Jaffrey Historical Society, and October 10th for the Fall Festival when they were assisted by "Students of the Month" from Great Brook School, Nate Gadwah, Amanda Gadwah and Liam Delahanty. The rooms were also open by appointment.

The Old Meeting House had 135 annual members and 190 lifetime members. Programs sponsored by OMH included: in May "Verdant Visions"- a garden seminar with author Elsa Bakalar, landscape historian Dr. Susan Schnare and Anne Duncan from Strawberry Banke Museum; in June, performances by folk singers Lester Hirsh, Wendy Keith and Douglas Clegg; in July, a concert by Guitarist Harvey Reid; in August, Monadnock Music Concert; in September, Labor Day Vespers and tours of OMH ; in October, a folk rock concert by Aztec Two Step; and in December, "A Christmas Story Through Song" with solos and duets by Marsha Heinzman, Robert Johnson, Pamela Stevens and the Village Bell Ringers of Hancock. Improvements to OMH included renovations of the windows and painting of the exterior south wall.

Rev. Keta Jones served as minister of the Community Church. Church activities included: One Great Hour of Sharing in March, celebration of the 225th anniversary of the heritage of the Church on July 5th, Vacation Bible School in August, and the 9th annual Fall Festival in October. In June, the Church voted unanimously to join in partnership with the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe. Improvements to the building included repairs to the kitchen ceiling and roof, a dropped ceiling and improved lighting in the vestry, and a new nursery.

The Oak Hill Grange #32 had 33 members including 6 gold sheaf members. The Grange

Master was Heather Kiblin. The annual citizen's award was presented to The Francestown News. The Grange won the blue ribbon and trophy at the New Boston Fair for "Best Overall Grange Exhibit".

The Francestown Elementary School had 112 students enrolled during the school year ending June 1998.

The Francestown Community Pre-School had an enrollment of 19 children and served families from Francestown, Greenfield and Deering.

Many of the town's young people continue to be involved in scouting; there were 18 Brownies, 9 Juniors, 6 Cadettes and 3 Senior Girl Scouts. The Boy Scout troop had 12 members, and in the Cub Scouts there were 9 Webelos II, 5 Webelos I, 4 Bears, 8 Wolves, and 5 Tigers.

The Francestown Food Co-op was in operation for its 24th consecutive year, meeting twice a month at the Town Hall.

There were 952 registered voters; 377 Republicans, 191 Democrats, and 384 Independents.

There were 34 building permits issued; 5 Residential, 13 Additions, 5 Garages, 3 Porches, 2 Barns, 2 Decks, 3 Sheds, and 1 Swimming Pool.

To the best of my knowledge, residents who served in the armed forces were; US Army- Pvt 1st Class Shannon Miller and Pvt Scott A. Quilty, USAF- Staff Sgt Richard Kiczek, National Guard- Capt Tim Ainsworth, Air National Guard- Lt Col Sylvia Johnson and Tech Sgt Sandy Collins.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kris Holmes- Historian

RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT 1998

The recreation program has seen an increase in the numbers of children who participated in this year's activities.

The activities offered ran throughout the year including participation in the Great Brook Basketball program in Antrim and our own Halloween haunted house and games at the Town Hall.

The Frankestown baseball program had 55 children ages 6 to 12 participate in the spring sport. The Little League team finished in second place out of nine teams in the Crotched Mountain Junior League. Congratulations! The summer registration was up to 90 children in the various camps such as track, basketball, soccer, street hockey, day camp, and baseball. The Red Cross swimming program had an increase to 58 children learning various levels of swimming at Scobie Pond. Adult programs include yoga, aerobics, clogging and basketball.

It is always our goal to try to expand the availability and variety of our programs. We couldn't do it without the help of all the volunteer coaches and staff who run the recreation commission and programs. Your input is always welcome and your support is appreciated.

New ideas for future programs are encouraged. For any information, please contact a recreation commission member or recreation directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Jenkins
Recreation Director

1998 Public Assistance Administrator's Report

Funding will remain at the same level as in years past as the budget again was not expended. Unexpended funds go back into the general fund and are not carried over, according to state law. The caseload was minimal as the economy of the region is healthy and levels of unemployment are at record lows and area rentals are in high demand. Most calls received were for information about accessing services available through other agencies. For information please contact the following organizations and ask about their eligibility requirements and programs that may serve you. CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING: 800-660-5609; SOCIAL SECURITY: 800-772-213; FUEL ASSISTANCE: 800-322-1073; HOME HEALTH CARE: 800-541-4145; NH Div. of ELDERLY & ADULT SERVICES: 800-351-1888; FOOD STAMPS: 800-852-3383. If one needs additional information or assistance in making application to these programs, I will gladly assist.

There is always concern about the needy 'slipping through the cracks' so if you know of someone who you believe needs some financial assistance, encourage them to call. The Town cannot solicit clients on hearsay or speculation.

Calls are often received from good people wanting to donate to those who have less. In most cases, barring emergency, this office cannot place used appliances, bedding, furniture, etc. With pre-planning you might want to contact the church of one's choice, or plan to donate for Labor Day or the Community Church auction. The church accepts canned goods and in a pinch, if I need to quickly gather emergency food together, the Community Church is my resource, as the Town doesn't have room for the storage of food supplies. So, you are encouraged to give local support, but not directly to this office unless it's around the major holidays.

The expenses of Christmas were funded in total by a \$200. donation of the FreeMason's Pacific Lodge and a \$100. donation from the Women's Guild of the Community Church. Approximately 24 home and nursing home visits were made at Christmas to make sure no one was alone and to emphasize the concern of the Town for its residents. Food gift certificates, holiday plants for the elderly, assorted baked goods and craft items from dozens talented folk all made for a wonderful holiday of giving and sharing. Note the names of the young children, who guided by their parents, show concern and care for others. Again, special thanks go out to the Senior Girls Scouts who give so unselfishly of their time to assist me in visiting, making deliveries and caroling. We all know I can't sing!

Anyone needing assistance should call me directly (588-2519) to apply for services. Note that all matters are confidential and are not part of the public record. Please call if you have any questions about eligibility requirements for various assistance programs.

Respectfully submitted,

BJ Carbee

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Francesstown on December 31, 1998

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	%	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				Total Trust Fund End of Year		
					Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Percent	Amount		Expanded During Year	
CEMETERY FUNDS:														
	CEMETERY FUNDS	CEMETERY CARE	BANK DEPOSITS		\$33,005.00	\$775.00		\$33,780.00	\$1,289.90		\$1,724.37	\$2,386.00	\$218.97	\$33,998.97
LIBRARY AND EDUCATION FUNDS:														
	LIBRARY & EDUCATION FUNDS	LIB & ED	BANK DEPOSIT		\$5,153.00			\$5,153.00	\$6,830.18		\$371.60	\$33.15	7,108.63	\$12,261.63
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS														
1945	REPLACEMENT OF FIRE TRUCKS	CAPITAL RESERVE			\$9,328.42	19,700.00		(23,300.00)	\$2,728.62	2,485.59		3,468.87		\$8,714.08
1960	REPLACEMENT OF ROAD EQUIPMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE			75,403.00	25,000.00		(18,800.00)	\$1,655.16	8,367.30		4,745.93		\$4,793.24
1964	IMPROVEMENT OF CEMETERY	CAPITAL RESERVE			6,804.00	250.00		7,154.00	9,509.01	9,509.01		929.01		17,582.02
1965	FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIOS	CAPITAL RESERVE			4,484.42	500.00		4,984.42	781.17	781.17		298.04		5,765.59
1975	POLICE CRUISER	CAPITAL RESERVE			11,000.00	6,000.00		17,000.00	2,182.13	2,182.13		758.32		19,182.13
1978	FUTURE LIBRARY BUILDING	CAPITAL RESERVE			17,000.00			17,000.00	9,655.00	9,655.00		689.15		26,837.13
1980	REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	CAPITAL RESERVE			31,009.25	5,000.00		36,009.25	4,843.47	4,843.47		2,009.34		42,862.05
1989	FUTURE LANDFILL CLOSING	CAPITAL RESERVE						38,009.25	0.00	2,378.17		134.50		2,512.67
1990	RECREATION LANDS	CAPITAL RESERVE			\$3,739.00	5,000.00		8,739.00	4,082.16	4,082.16		2,113.08		12,852.24
1994	TOWN BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	CAPITAL RESERVE			30,000.00	10,000.00		40,000.00	2,118.98	2,118.98		1,817.88		41,817.88
1994	TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	CAPITAL RESERVE			30,000.00	10,000.00		(80,000.00)	2,118.98	2,118.98		1,817.88		41,817.88
1994	HIGHWAY BUILDING	CAPITAL RESERVE			337,118.23	20,000.00		30,000.00	571.25	571.25		581.49		338,270.77
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				\$367,118.23	\$89,450.00		\$132,108.00	\$33,468.47	\$57,288.75	\$6.00	\$23,173.19	\$0.00	\$308,928.33

MARRIAGES REGISTERED FOR THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN FOR
THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME & SURNAME OF BRIDE & GROOM	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
04/06/98	MARK RICHARD LESTER HOLDING MARLA JANINE JONES	FRANCESTOWN, NH FRANCESTOWN, NH
04/17/98	CHARLES H. MABIE ULLA B. JOHNSON	FRANCESTOWN, NH AMHERST, NH
06/06/98	BRYANT ABBOTT HARDWICK KERRY CULLEN MEUSE	PETERBOROUGH, NH PETERBOROUGH, NH
07/04/98	JOHN J. PETERS PAMELA A. BERUBE	METHUEN, MA FRANCESTOWN, NH
08/20/98	RONALD J. HACKETT LINDA L. BABBITT	FRANCESTOWN, NH FRANCESTOWN, NH
09/06/98	ROGER LEE NYE SYLVIA J. JOHNSON	HAGERSTOWN, WA HAGERSTOWN, WA
12/05/98	JAMES S. TOVEY JOANNE SANTOSPAGO	FRANCESTOWN, NH FRANCESTOWN, NH

I hereby certify the above is correct according to the best of
my knowledge and belief.

Elaine T. McClary, Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED FOR THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	CHILD'S NAME	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
04/28/88	PETERBOROUGH, NH	ELLIE KATHERINE HANNA	THOMAS EDWARD HANNA	BETH ANN HANNA
05/13/88	PETERBOROUGH, NH	MEGAN LYN MCCLINTOCK	TODD RICHARD MCCLINTOCK	REBECCA LYNN MCCLINTOCK
05/18/88	PETERBOROUGH, NH	HARRISON LEANDER GLAUDE	MAURICE ALFRED GLAUDE	CARRIE ANN GLAUDE
05/18/88	PETERBOROUGH, NH	BAXTER HENRY GLAUDE	MAURICE ALFRED GLAUDE	CARRIE ANN GLAUDE
06/23/88	MANCHESTER, NH	CHRISTOPHER RYAN ST. JEAN	JAMES DAVID ST. JEAN	CYNTHIA ANN ST. JEAN
08/18/88	CONCORD, NH	STEPHEN MICHAEL KAZANOVICZ	PETER KAZANOVICZ	MICHELLE KAZANOVICZ
08/30/88	KEENE, NH	JOHN RICHARD HARDWICK	JOHN HARDWICK	KELLY HARDWICK
08/30/88	KEENE, NH	REBEKAH LYNN HARDWICK	JOHN HARDWICK	KELLY HARDWICK
10/27/88	PETERBOROUGH, NH	JILL NICHOLE PIERSON	RICHARD WILLIAM PIERSON	CARLA ANN PIERSON
12/18/88	LEBANON, NH	DANIEL CLINTON KEITH	CHRISTOPHER SCOTT KEITH	SENNU MARIA KEITH
12/18/88	LEBANON, NH	SARAH MARIA KEITH	CHRISTOPHER SCOTT KEITH	SENNU MARIA KEITH
12/18/88	LEBANON, NH	ANDREW JUHANI KEITH	CHRISTOPHER SCOTT KEITH	SENNU MARIA KEITH
12/18/88	LEBANON, NH	THOMAS DAVID KEITH	CHRISTOPHER SCOTT KEITH	SENNU MARIA KEITH

I hereby certify that the above is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elaine T. McClary, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED FOR THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
01/15/88	FRANCESTOWN, NH	DOUGLAS FRANCIS DOWD	TIMOTHY DOWD	PEARL HAMBLETT
02/13/88	FRANCESTOWN, NH	JOHN AUGUSTUS MCMAHON	AUGUSTUS C. MCMAHON	HELEN MCPEAKE
03/03/88	FRANCESTOWN, NH	ANDREW WILLIAM CLARK	WILLIAM O. CLARK	HANNA ELIZABETH JOHNSTON
03/18/88	MANCHESTER, NH	ROBERT WILLIAM WORTHINGTON	FRED WORTHINGTON	IRENE JORDAN
04/04/88	CONCORD, NH	DOROTHY A. KOPCZA	JOHN GORSKI	ANNA BAGA
04/09/88	FRANCESTOWN, NH	RUTH M. ROEHRIG	JAMES M. MATTHEWS	INA GRAHAME
04/13/88	MANCHESTER, NH	ANNA M. SOUCKUP	GEORGE SOUCKUP	EVA NEDLICK
07/31/88	PETERBOROUGH, NH	LUCIUS GARLAND GILMAN	ALFRED LEMUEL GILMAN	LUCY TRUESDELL
10/01/88	NASHUA, NH	FRANCES CARNEY FAULK	EARLE PATRICK CARNEY	BLANCHE HESTER MINER MONET
10/09/88	CONCORD, NH	GUNNARD H. FAULK	HENNING FAULK	ANNA JOHANSSON

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TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, NH
MARCH 10, 1998

Meeting opened by Moderator at 10:00 o'clock AM and polls were declared opened.

Moderator read Warrant Article 1 & 2 and announced that the second session would be at the Town Hall, March 14, 1998 at 10 o'clock AM.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Contoocook Valley Regional High School at Route 202 North in Peterborough on the thirty-first day of January next at 10:00 o'clock in the morning for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting and you are further notified to meet at the following place in the Town of Frankestown, Frankestown Town Hall 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM on the tenth day of March next to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose District Officers as follows:
Contoocook Valley School District
Moderator for One (1) Year. - Vote for One
Write-in -

Elaine McClary moved that the polls be closed at 7 o'clock PM and that the absentee ballots be cast at 3 o'clock PM. Seconded and carried.

Total vote Town Officers Ballot	
Regular Ballots	Absentee
	Ballots
327	10
Total number of names on Checklist	
968	

Article 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
(By Official Ballot)

OFFICE	VOTES
For Moderator for Two Years	
Vote for One	
Paul H. Lawrence	315
Write-in Stacey Borden	1

For Selectmen for Three Years

Vote for One	
Paul A. St. Cyr	283
Write-ins - Abigail Arnold 19,	
Richard Cilley 1, Kip Dalley 1,	
David Jonas 1.	

For Planning Board for Three Years

Vote for One	
Herbert Bromberg	258
Benjamin Watson	278
Write-ins -Peter Zahn 4, Betsy Hardwick	
2, Lisa Goodwin 1, Donald Hardwick 1,	
Hobart Kiblin 1, Gary Slamin 1.	

For Trustees of Trust Funds for Three Years

Vote for One

Louis Wiederhold 289

For Public Assistance Administrator for
One Year

Vote for One

Barbara J. Carbee 200

Linda Kelly 128

Write-ins - Kris Stewart 1.

For Library Trustee for Three Years

Vote for One

Constance C. Varnum 306

Write-in - Betsy Wiederhold 1.

For Supervisor of the Check List for Six Years

Vote for One

Helen Davis Johnston 307

For Cemetary Commission for Three Years

Vote for One

Write-ins - Richard Leavitt 5, Stu Clark 4,
Lucille Paige 3, Linda Kelly 2, Alan Thulander 2,
Bob Abbott 1, Robert Ames 1, John Arnold 1,
Peter Bixby 1, B.J. Carbee 1, Scott Carbee 1,
Mary Carey 1, John Demetri 1, Clifton Foote 1,
Bill Hansen 1, Betsy Hardwick 1, Bob Hunsaker 1,
Ed Jones 1, Merle Jones 1, Walter Kiblin 1,
Paul Lawrence 1, Bert McClary, Jr. 1,
Judy Miller 1, David Moreau 1, Gary Paige 1,
Veda O'Neill 1, Lil Poor 1, Derald Radtke 1,
Donald Severance 1, Gordon Sherman 1,
Fletcher Taft 1, Israel Vadney 1, Theo Wheeler 1,
Louis Wiederhold 1.

For Fireward for One Year

Vote for Five

Donald C. Abbott 306

Brian Delahanty 308

David W. Kullgren 305

Richard F. Leavitt 300

Alvin L. Van CLEAVE 301

Write-ins - Larry Kullgren 3, Dave Hanlon 1,
Gary Paige 1, Rich Pierson 1, Mark Pitman 1.

Conval School District Officers

Vote for One

Moderator for One Year

Write-ins - Peter Hopkins 21, David Jonas 3,
Paul Lawrence 3, Richard Amidon 2, Chet Bowles 2,
Denise Glover 2, Abigail Arnold 1, Rob Ames 1,
Barbara Carbee 1, Fran Chapman 1, David Connard 1,
Dorothy Hardwick 1, Gary Paige 1, Al Thulander 1,
Elizabeth Wiederhold 1.

Article 2.

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment 1 dealing with the definition of "Building" as proposed by the Planning Board for the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

This amendment would delete the words, indicated here by italics, from the current definition as follows: "Building - Any combination of materials, whether portable, movable or fixed, *having a roof and enclosed within walls, built to form a structure* for the shelter of persons, animals or property." The intent of the proposed amendment is to make structures without walls, such as pole barns, subject to setback requirements.

Yes 187

No 127

Contoocook Valley School District
March 10, 1998

Total number on check list
968

Total Regular Ballots Cast
328

Absentee Ballots Cast
6

Results of School District Ballot:

Meeting was recessed at 9:30 PM until 10:00 AM Saturday, March 14, 1998.

Pursuant to RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, you are hereby notified the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Francestown will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, the Fourteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at which time the town will act on the following subjects.

Resolution by Alan Thulander - Be it resolved that the citizens of Francestown hereby extend their gratitude to John Jenkins for his twelve years of service to the Town as Selectman; and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Jenkins by the Town Clerk. Moved and Seconded. Moved by unanimous vote.

Resolution by Alan Thulander - Be it resolved that the residents of Francestown recognize George W. Morgan for twenty-five plus years of thoughtful and conscientious service to the town as a member of the Highway Department; and further that the Town Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to Mr. Morgan. Moved and Seconded. Moved by unanimous vote.

Article 3.

Motion by David Jonas to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations for the same.
Seconded by Denice Glover.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing year January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998.

February 9, 1998

John W. Jenkins	Selectmen
Scott S. Carbee	Of
O. Alan Thulander, Chairman	Francestown

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	1998
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive	29,930
Election/Town Clerk	25,366
Financial Administration	18,825
Revaluation Updates/Tax Map	5,756
Legal Expenses	10,000
Medical Expenses	16,764
FICA/Medicare	21,978
Unemployment Insurance	800
Workman's Compensation	4,319
Retirement Highway	2,000
Planning & Zoning	10,697
Planning Board Review	2,500
General Bldg Maintenance	16,725
Cemeteries	9,575
Insurance	37,146

Regional Association Dues	691
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	50,800
Ambulance	11,310
Fire Department	26,100
Building Inspector	1,000
Emergency Management	500

HIGHWAY, STREET, BRIDGES

Town Maintenance	186,521
General Expenses Highway	68,025
Resealing & Patching	57,900
Graveling	20,000
Bridges	10,000
Street Lighting	4,200

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal	77,835
Landfill Well Test	3,493

HEALTH

Health Departments	2,424
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WELFARE

General Assistance	5,000
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Recreation	22,900
Library	45,314

CONSERVATION

Conservation Commission	900
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DEBT SERVICE

Principal-Long Term Notes	20,000
Interest-Long Term Notes	1,410
Interest on TAN	2,500

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$831,204</u>
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Article 3 Carried.

Motion by Alan Thulander to reconsider Article 3, line item under Highway, Street, Bridges, General Expenses Highway. Seconded by David Jonas.
Motion to reconsider Carried.

Motion by Alan Thulander to amend line item General Expenses Highway under Highway, Street, Bridges to be increased by \$7,000. from \$68,025 to \$75,025.
Seconded by David Jonas.
Motion to amend Article 3, under Highway, Street, Bridges, General Expenses Highway to be \$75,025. Total Operating Budget \$838,204. Carried.

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Interest-Long Term Notes	1,410
Interest on TAN	2,500
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$838,204

Article 4.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to adopt the report (page 67)(See attached 4 pages) of the Building Study Committee relative to the use of the "Red School" on Main Street and the trial use of the current Town Hall annex or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by John Jenkins.

Petition by 10 people for Article 4 to be cast by written ballot rather than by voice, standing, or show of hands:
See attached sheet.

Written Vote count Yes 96, No 25.
Article 4 Carried.

Motion made by Denice Glover to advance Article 5 to be discussed and voted on before Article 4.
Seconded by Jane Hooper.

Majority vote by the body to advance Article 5 before Article 4, all those in favor to advance Article 5 before Article 4.
Majority vote by voice, aye's have it.
Motion to advance Article 5 Carried.

Article 5. (By Petition)

Motion by Denice Glover to see if the Town will vote to reserve one of the bottom-floor rooms of the Red School Building on a two-year trial basis to provide Francestown residents with a community gathering place, to be used by private and municipal organizations or individuals for community activities or meetings; schedule to be kept in Selectmen's office similar to the Town Hall schedule, or take any other action relating thereto.
Seconded by Jane Hooper.

Petition by 10 people for Article 5 to be cast by written ballot rather than by voice, standing, or show of hands:
See attached sheet.
Written Vote Count Yes 31, No 112.
Article 5 Not Carried.

Motion by Abigail Arnold to restrict reconsideration of Article 4 & 5.
Seconded by David Jonas.
Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 4 & 5,
Carried.

Article 6.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$177,500.00) to reconstruct and pave the remaining portion of Mountain Road; the project to be completed as recommended and described in the report of the Road Improvement Sub-Committee; such sum to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund - Town

Road Improvements and the balance of Eighty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$87,500.00) by taxation, or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Clayton Philbrick.
Article 6 Carried.

Article 7.

Motion by Donald Abbott to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$43,000.00) to repair the 1984 Chevrolet Pumper/Tanker, such sum to be raised and appropriated by the acceptance of a gift of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Mt. Crotchet Firefighters' Association, the remaining balance of Twenty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$23,000.00) to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund - Future Replacement of Fire Trucks, or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Steve Brown.

It was noted the above figures were incorrect and Article 7 should read to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$43,300.00) to repair the 1984 Chevrolet Pumper/Tanker, such sum to be raised and appropriated by the acceptance of a gift of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Mt. Crotchet Firefighters' Association, the remaining balance of Twenty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$23,300.00) to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund - Future Replacement of Fire Trucks, or take any other action relating thereto;
Article 7 as corrected Carried.

Article 8.

Motion by Harold Varnum to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$121,500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as follows:

Future Replacement of Fire Trucks	\$40,000.00
Future Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios	500.00
Future Replacement or Purchase of Hwy. Equip.	25,000.00
Future Replacement of Police Cruiser	6,000.00
Future Reappraisal of Real Estate	5,000.00
Future Purchase or Improvement of Recreation Lands	5,000.00
Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition	10,000.00
Future Town Road Improvements	10,000.00
Future Town Highway Garage	20,000.00

or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Clayton Philbrick.

Motion by Donald Abbott to amend Article 8, to reduce line item Future Replacement of Fire Trucks from \$40,000.00 to \$16,700.00.

Seconded by Harold Varnum.

Motion to amend Article 8, line item Future Replacement of Fire Trucks to read \$16,700.00, Carried.

Motion by Mary Lindstrom to amend Article 8, line item Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition to be increased by \$15,000.00 from \$10,000.00. To \$25,000.00. Seconded by Denice Glover.
Motion to amend line item Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition to read \$25,000.00, Not carried.

Article 8 Carried as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Eight Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$98,200.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as follows:

Future Replacement of Fire Trucks	\$16,700.00
Future Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios	500.00
Future Replacement or Purchase of Hwy. Equip.	25,000.00
Future Replacement of Police Cruiser	6,000.00
Future Reappraisal of Real Estate	5,000.00
Future Purchase or Improvement of Recreation Lands	5,000.00
Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition	10,000.00
Future Town Road Improvements	10,000.00
Future Town Highway Garage	20,000.00

Article 9.

Motion by Constance Varnum to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to replace the George Holmes Bixby Library's non-functioning septic system, such sum to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund - Town Building Improvements: and the balance of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) by taxation, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Sirkka Holm.

Article 9 Carried.

Article 10.

Motion by Constance Varnum to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand (\$17,000.00) to replace the existing fire escape attached to the George Holmes Bixby Library to meet the fire safety codes specified by the State Fire Marshall, such amount to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund - Town Building Improvements, and the balance of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) by taxation, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Sirkka Holm.

Article 10 Carried.

Article 11.

Motion by Jeff Gorton to see if the Town will vote to transfer Three Hundred Ninety Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents (\$390.38) of unexpended conservation commission prior appropriations carried forward and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Nine Dollars and Sixty-Two Cents (\$9,609.62). The total not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), to be placed in the Conservation Fund authorized by RSA 36-A:5, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Dodie Finlayson.
Article 11 Carried.

Article 12.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) for the purchase of a used brush chipper; such sum to be raised and appropriated from the Capital Reserve Fund - Replacement of Road Equipment, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Clayton Philbrick.

Article 12 Carried.

Article 13.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum up to six thousand dollars (\$6000.00) for the purchase of a surplus Ten wheeled diesel Dump truck should it become available; such sum to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund - "Replacement of Road Equipment" or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Clayton Philbrick.

Article 13 Carried.

Article 14.

Motion by Alan Thulander to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand, One Hundred Dollars (\$7,100.00) to convert the mechanically wound tower clock in the Meeting House to an electrically wound system, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by David Jonas.

Motion by Alan Thulander to postpone Article 14 indefinitely.

Seconded by David Jonas.

Motion to postpone Article 14 indefinitely Carried.

Article 15.

Motion by Scott Carbee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand, One Hundred Dollars (\$6,100.00) to replace the Town Hall guard rails with a granite post and rail fence or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Clayton Philbrick.

Article 15 Standing count Yes 38, No 56.

Article 15 Not Carried.

Article 16.

Motion by Joan Hanchett to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$21,900.00) to replace the chain link fence with a granite post and rail fence, such sum to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund - Improvement of Cemetery, the remaining balance of Eleven Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (11,900.00) to be raised by taxation, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Clayton Philbrick.

Motion by Gregory Neilley to amend Article 16 to \$10,000.00 from Capital Reserve.
Seconded by Sirkka Holm.

Motion to amend Article 16 to read as follows:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to replace the chain link fence with a granite post and rail fence, such sum to be raised and appropriated by the withdrawal of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund - Improvement of Cemetery.
Article 16 as amended Carried.

Motion by Demetria McKaig to restrict reconsideration of Article 16.
Seconded by Kevin McKaig.
Motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 16 Carried.

Article 17.
Motion by David Jonas to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$11,970.00) to purchase and install a fuel management system and associated dispensing equipment to be used by all town vehicles, or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Harold Varnum.

Motion by David Jonas to amend Article 17 to reduce the amount to \$4,500.00.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) to purchase and install a fuel management system and associated dispensing equipment to be used by all town vehicles, or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Alan Thulander.
Article 17 as amended Carried.

Article 18.
Motion by Alan Thulander to see if the Town will vote to adopt an administrative enforcement procedure for the parking violations ordinance enacted by the Board of Selectmen September 22, 1997, or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Scott Carbee.
Article 18 Carried.

Article 19.
Motion by David Jonas to see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund named - F.I.H.S. Recreation Field Improvements, such account to be funded by Town appropriations, charitable gifts or grants from local, state, and federal sources; or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Richard Cilley.

Motion by Alan Thulander to indefinitely postpone Article 19.
Seconded by Scott Carbee.
Motion to indefinitely postpone Article 19 Carried.

Article 20.

Motion by Phillip Ireland to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting;

Seconded by Louis Wiederhold.

Motion by Phillip Ireland that The Conservation Commission be directed to provide a detailed accounting of its funds and expenditures on an annual basis, such accounting to be included in the Annual Reports of The Town of Frankestown.

Seconded by Louis Wiederhold.

Article 20 Carried.

Motion by Constance Varnum to have a letter sent by the Selectmen to Howard Kiblin of appreciation for his many years of service.

Seconded

Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

A True Copy of Record-Attest:

Elaine J. McClary

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Town Clerk, Frankestown, NH

Selectmen's Office
Town Hall Annex
Francestown, N.H. 03043

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